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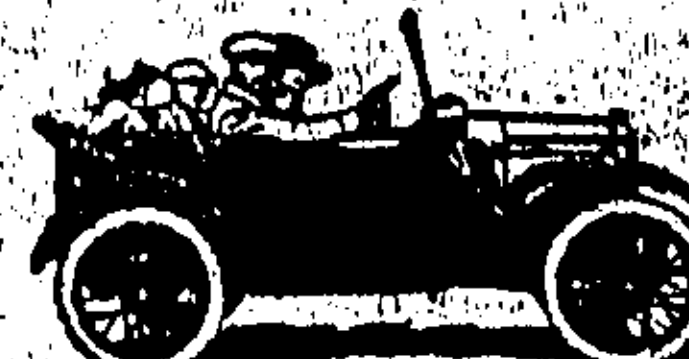
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LIFE IN JAIL. HONGKONG CONDITIONS DESCRIBED. EUROPEANS' DIETARY.

What "Hard Labour" Means.

Shortly before Christmas the "China Mail" drew attention to certain aspects of prison life in Hongkong. To-day we are able to publish further details together with facts about jails in Australia and Canada.

Because of fewer numbers and a greater variance in the nationality of the prisoners, Hongkong—prison—administration in many respects is on an entirely different basis from that of Pentridge (Australia) and Manitoba (Canada), those mentioned in cuttings which have been sent to the "China Mail" by two of our readers.

"He did much to help prisoners forget where they were at Christmas time." This remark about the superintendent of the Australian prison, made by a prisoner, is an indication of a very desirable state of affairs, but if distinctions were made in the case of Europeans in Victoria jail at Xmas (and it is extremely doubtful if Chinese would understand either the concept of the significance of the occasion) would not the Chinese have to have special privileges at Christmas New Year?

As the "China Mail" has already stated, in an earlier interview with Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons for Hongkong, prisoners in Victoria jail do not get special privileges afforded them on any public festive occasion. Exactly what are the distinctions drawn between Europeans and Chinese in the jail is of interest to everyone, however, and a "China Mail" reporter therefore sought out Mr. Franks again yesterday afternoon and was afforded a courteous hearing and a ready reply to questions asked on the matter.

Asked about "hard labour," Mr. Franks said that Europeans were sometimes sentenced to it in which case it would consist either of work in the prison printing establishment, oakum picking or teasing (a process which follows husk beating).

"If they have to do this kind of work are they kept separate from the other prisoners, Mr. Franks?" "It is impossible to keep them entirely apart, but as much as possible, yes."

"Are there any other distinctions?" "They have special cells, are allowed bedsteads, can use artificial light until eight o'clock at night and have a different dietary."

The following detailed dietary was then given by Mr. Franks in response to a request:

Europeans.
Breakfast—6oz. of bread and either a pint of gruel or a pint of cocoa.
Dinner—4oz. of bread, 10oz. potato, 6oz. cooked meat (without bone) and a pint of meat soup three times a week. On three other occasions the meal consists of 4oz. of bread, a pint of soup and a pound of suet pudding and on Sunday of 4oz. of bread, 8oz. of rice, 12oz. of fish, 7 drams of curry stuff.

Chinese.
Breakfast—11oz. rice, 11oz. vegetables, 1/2oz. Chutney, and 1/2oz. each of oil, salt and tea three times a week. On three other occasions 11oz. rice, 1 1/2 of salt fish, 1/4 of Chutney and 1/4 each of oil, salt and tea.
Supper—4oz. rice, 2 of fresh fish, 1/4 Chutney, and 1/4 oil, salt and tea. Sunday's meal is similar but less by 1/2oz. fish.

A daily pint of congee (boiled up rice and water with a little salt added) is also served in the course of the day.

The Indians have a similar diet to the Chinese but are allowed flour and have unleavened bread with meals.

"Are prisoners allowed to have their rations supplemented from outside," asked the reporter, when Mr. Franks had given this interesting information—"Not unless they are on remand."

"Then the women with pudding basins, Thermos flasks, and bulky parcels that passed me as I came in would be taking meals to such as these?" "Yes."

This concluded the interview but the following particulars of Manitoba and Pentridge prisons, contained in the articles already referred to, are of interest as comparisons with the above facts.

NAVY IN THE EAST. SIGNIFICANT DECISION BY ADMIRALTY. STRENGTHENING FORCES. VINDICTIVE COMING TO CHINA.

(Reuter's Service)

London, January 16.

The British Navy in the East are to be strengthened as a result of changes decided upon by the Admiralty.

Ships at present serving in the Mediterranean, the East Indies and the China Squadrons, when they return to Britain for refitting and overhauling, will be replaced by larger ships.

The cruiser "Vindictive" will replace a smaller ship in the China Squadron.

Sweeping changes will be made in the East Indies Squadron, to which the "Effingham," "Enterprise," and "Emerald"—all new ships not yet completed—will be sent. It is expected that they would be ready for service by the Autumn.

PISTOL BATTLE. ARMED DESPERADO CORNERED. WANCHAI SENSATION. Great Bravery of Police Officers.

Last night, one of the search parties sent out by the Police to cope with China New Year crime came upon an armed man who, determined to escape at all cost, fired at the officers. A running duel in the Wanchai district resulted.

Fortunately, none of the police was shot, although several displayed conspicuous bravery in closing up with the desperado.

A man, believed to be the fugitive, was run to earth and an automatic pistol subsequently picked up on the route which the suspect is supposed to have taken. During the shooting, a Chinese passer-by had the misfortune to be struck by a bullet in an ankle. He is now in the Government Civil Hospital, but fears are not entertained on his account.

Shortly after seven o'clock yesterday evening six of a party of ten Chinese detectives, under command of a European officer, were on duty around the foot of Jardine's Hill, now known as the Lee Gardens, came across a Chinese, who was dressed in an overcoat and whose face was partly concealed by a felt hat worn well down over his face.

He was challenged, but refused to halt. One of the posse of detectives went up and attempted to search him from behind, when the man whipped out a short fire-arm and fired at the detective. Taking advantage of the temporary set-back, the man fled along the street skirting the foot of the hills, with the search party in hot pursuit.

Shots were fired as hounds and hare ran eastward into Pennington Street and Keswick Street, in which are Chinese shops and tenements.

Ultimately the man ran into Caroline Road, which leads from the Causeway Bay tram terminus toward No. 1 Police Station. In Caroline Road were two Chinese detectives from No. 2 (Wanchai) Station, and they immediately took cover on hearing the sounds of shots and police whistles.

These two officers challenged the running man, who still had the presence of mind to shout out that he had just been robbed of over \$100 and was running after the thieves. As the man refused to stop, the detectives also opened fire at him and took over the chase.

When he reached Caroline Hill, the man turned up the hillside but stumbled over a mound of earth in the dark and was thereupon pounced upon and overpowered.

No weapon was found on him, but a detective, picked up the the automatic near No. 1 Police Station. Two shots had been fired and the mechanism jammed, leaving four rounds in the magazine. Had it not been for this there is no telling what the desperate man might have done.

The wounded pedestrian, an earth coolie, was given attention and taken away.

On being interrogated, the arrested man made a statement, as the result of which the Police in practically every district were busy last night. None of the quests proved fruitful, and it seems as if he went out of his way to lead the Police a wild-goose chase even after capture.

FAMOUS CASTLE TO LET.



It is announced that the Duchess of Norfolk wishes to let Arundel Castle for a term of five years, at an annual rent of £3,000. This is certainly the most spectacular instance of a residence being placed in the hands of the house-agents that ever has been known; and it will be interesting to learn who, if anyone, will become the lessee. Of course, to style the vast feudal pile of Arundel Castle a "house" is in essence a derogatory description; for it occupies acres of land, and the great park in which it is situated is stated to be twelve miles in circumference. Besieged thrice, the last time in 1643, Arundel Castle was in that latest conflict reduced to ruins. Partially repaired in 1720, it was rebuilt in 1791, in a style thought to be Gothic. The late Duke, the fifteenth Duke of Norfolk, demolished the whole structure, and, at an enormous cost, rebuilt the castle.

roast potatoes, plum pudding and custard is the menu for Christmas Day in Pentridge. The inmates are also allowed an extra ration of tobacco and sugar.

"Last Boxing Day a concert by the P.E.P. (Penal Establishment Pentridge) Minstrel Co. was arranged. Some there were with magnificent voices, others who were obviously broken down actors. It was one of these who recited 'Fallen Star,' but with more feeling than Chevalier or Billy Williams could have put into it. For the rest they were all in costumes made of paper. The cornermen got their black faces from the bottoms of the sauce-pans, and the jazz band was built up out of kitchen utensils."

STOP PRESS.

SHANGHAI INTERPORT FOOTBALL TEAM.

Shanghai's interport football team to play a series of matches in Hongkong has been selected. The team chosen is:—

Remedios; Turner, Ewing; Fordy, Phillips, Gowan, Johansen, Collaco, Goldman, Conleher and Johanssen.

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PIRATES. HONGKONG VESSEL SEIZED. STORY OF THE CRIME.

This morning the steamer "Hongwha" (British flag), which was pirated after leaving Singapore, still had the Police flag up as she lay off Stonecutters Island.

The wireless message received by the Police yesterday afternoon from "Hongwha" stated that the steamer "Hongwha" had been captured by a gang of pirates, it having been understood that the pirate gang, about thirty strong, boarded the vessel at Singapore. There were 318 Chinese passengers on board the vessel, returning to Hongkong to take part in the Chinese New Year festivities, but no European passengers.

The real purpose of the pirates is said not to have been disclosed until Tuesday when they appeared to have captured the command without difficulty and to have remained in charge of the steamer until Bia Bay was reached yesterday morning, when they anchored close in and conveyed their loot, which was considerable, to the mainland in the ship's boats.

The "Hongwha" is equipped with wireless, but one of the first acts of violence on the part of the pirates was to dismantle the apparatus, so that it could not be used to send out a call for assistance.

British officers aboard are said to have been exempted from the attentions of the pirates and one report even goes so far as to allege that one of them, who missed a gold watch and chain, while the bandits were in charge had the same returned to him with profuse apologies.

FIRE IN A PRINTERY. OUTBREAK IN WING LOK STREET.

A fire broke out at about 10 o'clock last night at No. 125, Wing Lok Street, the premises involved being a three-storey building, including a cockloft.

The upper floors were occupied by printers, and the ground floor by a newspaper concern.

The second floor, where the fire originated, was burned out, but the remainder of the premises was saved by the Fire Brigade, although considerable damage was done to the building and property by fire and water.

The property was covered by insurance to the extent of \$20,000.

take the vessel to Chilang Point, which was reached at 11.45 on Thursday night. From there the captain was told to steer to Ping-hoi and then to Shanghai.

Two of the ship's boats were commandeered, and the pirates left in these. Their loot is valued at \$10,000, comprising money and property belonging to the passengers.

Local Junk Robbed.

A trading junk which left Shaikwan, Hongkong, for Blas Bay, was held up yesterday.

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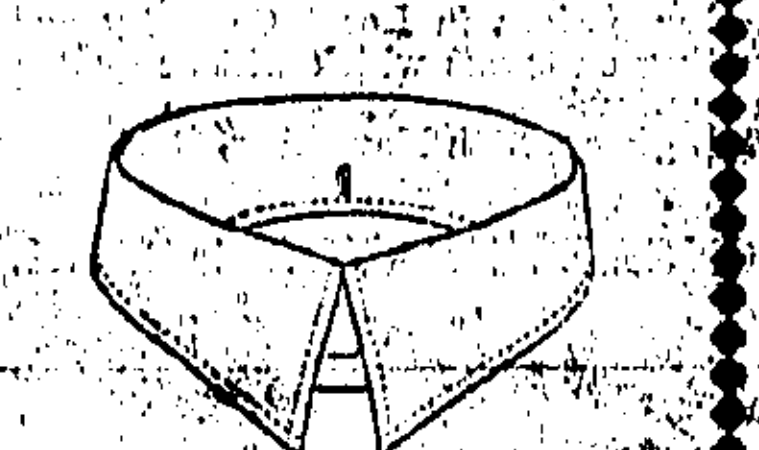
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To the belief that there was bullion aboard the attack is attributed, passengers on board stating that the pirates were disappointed at not finding any.

Rumour has it that the gang openly boasted of the part they took in the "Sui An" and "Hydrangea" piracies. This report is partly borne out by the victimised ships being brought to the same rendezvous.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

TOBACCO TRADE MARKS.

HONGKONG JUDGMENT
NOT UPHELD.

INTERESTING MANILA CASE.

Manila, January 16.

The Supreme Court has ruled
in the case of Ingenohl versus
Olsen, that the plaintiff is not en-
titled to the use of three trade
marks claimed by the defendant,
although the Hongkong Supreme
Court had ruled to the contrary.
The case arose during the war
and involved confiscation of alien
tobacco factories. The majority
opinion states: "With all due
respect, the Hongkong Court
judgment overlooks the fact that
the primary purpose of the
seizure was a war measure by an
ally of Great Britain, which
should have been sustained under
the comity of nations."—*Reuter*.

CEBU CEMENT.

HONGKONG OFFER REFUSED.

Manila, January 16.
Negotiations for the purchase
of the Cebu Cement Company by
Father Robert on behalf of Hong-
kong interests has been turned
down by the Government Board
of Control here, according to Pres-
ident A. Barretto, representing the
Cement Company.—*Reuter*.

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NEW YORK.

Advices from New York states
that the board of directors of the
National City Bank of New York
has decided to recommend to the
shareholders that at the annual
meeting of the bank, held
on January 13 the necessary
authority be granted for each
shareholder to have the right to
acquire one additional share of the
stock of the bank for every
four shares now held, upon
payment of \$100 in respect of each
additional share so acquired, there-
by producing \$20,000,000 in total.
It was proposed that \$10,000,000 be
devoted to increasing the capital
stock of the bank from \$40,000,000
to \$50,000,000, that \$5,000,000 be
applied to increasing the surplus
from \$45,000,000 to \$50,000,000, and
that the remaining \$5,000,000 be
applied through the trustees, who
hold the capital stock of the
National City Company for the
benefit of shareholders of the bank,
to increasing the capital of that com-
pany from \$10,000 to \$12,500,000,
and increasing the surplus from
\$10,000,000 to \$12,500,000. The
increase in the bank's capital
indicates expectations of great
expansion in its business.

SOAPMAKING IN CHINA.

Soapmaking is making great
 strides in China, according to the
"British Soap Manufacturer."
The Yao Hwa soap works in
Nanking made in 1923 10,000 cases
of soap for the home market.
Considering that the capital of the
company owning these works is
only a little over \$2,000, and that
they made a profit last year of
over \$22,000, the works must be
run on enlightened principles.
Imported soaps have been almost
entirely displaced in the Wuhan
market by the local product. Even
common soap produced by the
Chinese, factories in Shanghai
cannot compete with it. Of toilet
and fancy soap, the bulk imported
into Hankow comes from Japan,
Great Britain, France, and the
United States, although a portion
is supplied by Chinese factories in
Hongkong and Shanghai. At
present there are eight Chinese
soap manufacturing companies in
Wuchang and Hankow with a
total capitalization of over Tls.
1,000,000. The value of their total
yearly output is estimated at over
Tls. 1,000,000. All of them make
common wash soap. Japanese
manufacturers held a predominant
position on the Hankow market in
toilet soap manufacture, but lately
Chinese manufacturers have been
sending toilet soap to Hankow.

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LOCAL TRADE.

The fortnightly report issued by
the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce is as follows:
Cotton piece goods and fancy
cotton goods.—Beyond a few small
isolated lots of White Shirtings we
have no sales to report, and the
market is gradually closing down
for China New Year Festival.
Latest Cotton quotations to hand
are those of 14th instant. Mill, Am.
Spot, 13.07. Suklerides 29.25.
Cotton yarn.—Market continues
dull with very little business transac-
ting. Prices have further receded
in sympathy with the decline in the
producing centres.
Quotations are:—No. 10s. \$220/
210. No. 12s. \$225/242. No. 16s.
\$240/245. No. 20s. \$290/245.
Arrivals 1,300. Shipments nil.
Siles 500 bales. Unwashed piece
6,700 bales. Bargains 2,400 bales.
Woolens.—A little more enquiry
exists and some business has been
done. Clearances from stock are
poor.
Raw Cottons.—No business to
report.
Metals.—Market firmer and more
active. Some sales of Mild Steel
Bars reported.
Flower Market Report. Stock:
about 800,000. Market: Quiet.
Quotations: American Patent \$4.40
per sack; American Straight \$3.75
per sack; American Cut off \$3.75 per
sack; Shanghai Flour \$3.35 per
sack; Australian No. 1 \$3.75 per
sack; Canadian Cut off \$3.45 per
sack.
Sundries.—Market is steeper and the
general belief is that the
market has touched bottom.
Sugar.—Market steady.
Saltpetre.—Very dull market
since last report.
Kinta Tin Mines has declared
interim dividend at rate of 9d. per
share and interim bonus of 1s. per
share, both less tax. The corre-
sponding payment for 1923 was 6d.
per share.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, January 16, 1925.

On London.....2/4

Bank, 1/2 on demand.....2/4 1/2

30 days sight.....2/4 1/2

4 months sight.....2/4 1/2

Documentary, 4 months sight 2/5

On Paris.....10/0

On demand.....10/0

Credits, 4 months sight.....11/0

On demand.....11/0

On New York.....100

On demand.....100

On Shanghai.....111

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On Hongkong.....100

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INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1925, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 23rd January, to Tuesday, 10th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on THURSDAY, 19th February, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 6th February, to Thursday, 19th February, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 14th January 1925.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on THURSDAY, January 22nd, 1925, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of proposing a resolution to adopt the revised Rules and Regulations and Rules of Racing as the Rules and Regulations and Rules of Racing of the Club.

A copy of the revised Rules and Regulations and Rules of Racing may be inspected by members at the office of the Secretary upon application.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

Will those desirous of attending the dinner on St. David's Day kindly communicate with Mr. D. Davies, c/o Sanitary Office, Post Office Bldg., or Mr. F. P. Williams, c/o Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Insurance Department.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.

NOTICE

STORAGE space on Marine Lays with Godowns and Chinese House to Let from 31st December.
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ALPS MARU ... Friday, 14th Jan.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
CANADA MARU (From Shanghai) ... Friday, 30th Jan.
PANAMA MARU ... Friday, 18th Feb.
HONGKONG—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SHINOH MARU ... Sunday, 19th Jan.
AMUR MARU ... Tuesday, 20th Jan.
INDU MARU ... Tuesday, 20th Jan.
RAISON—Bangkok and Singapore.
KISHU MARU ... Sunday, 1st Feb.
VALUTTA—Via Singapore and Bangkok.
HAGUE MARU ... Sunday, 25th Jan.
INDO MARU ... Sunday, 25th Jan.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, SAO PAULO & YANCOOVER—Via Shanghai and Japan.
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai) ... Monday, 26th Jan.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
AROUN MARU ... Thursday, 22nd Jan.
MAVRE MARU (From Shanghai) ... Beginning of Feb.JAPAN PORTS.
BORNEO MARU ... Friday, 30th Jan.
PARIS MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Feb.
KELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
AMAKUSA MARU ... Sunday, 18th Jan. at 11 a.m.
KALJO MARU ... Sunday, 25th Jan. at 11 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU ... Monday, 19th Jan. at 8 a.m.
YAKAO AND KESUNO.
KISHU MARU ... Saturday, 17th Jan. Noon.
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S. Stone, takes a great part as Lee
Random.Lee wanted to move in gay
society.His wife preferred the drudgery
of housekeeping.
She carried to extremes her love
of a routine and—to her husband
—humdrum existence.Then Lee was challenged by a
flapper friend that he did not
know what love was."I'll show you" was the only
response that Lee made.And he did—as the picture
shows.Off to Cuba he must go, asking
his wife to go with him on a second
honeymoon.But to a woman to whom home
was home, and who had forsaken
the ways of a society butterfly,
Cuba meant nothing.Why should the spell—if spell
it could be called—of housework
be broken for such a whim as a
second honeymoon, even in Cuba,
the gem of the Atlantic tropics?But Lee Random had got into a
groove, which he was bent on
getting out of—hence his departure
for Cuba with its picturesque
scenery and enchanting customs.The trip was a fatal one in many
unexpected ways.Lee Random was destined to
meet one who approached nearer
than his own wife to his ideal of
love—an ideal that he had cherished
in the shape of a china doll in
his own home.And so he does what any normal
man, with a man's instincts, would
do under the circumstances—falls
deeply in love—with the living
image of the precious doll.Lee Random is played by Lewis
S. Stone, who has the support of a
very strong cast.That darling of the screen, Irene
Rich, takes the part of Fanny, Lee
Random's wife.Strange it is that it is Fanny
who first sets the embers of love
afire—indirectly.She it is who sends her husband
to break up a budding romance
between Peyton Morris and a
flapper.An old friend in Norman Kerry
takes the part of Peyton Morris.Constance Bennett, another
familiar figure in filmdom, is seen
to great advantage as the flapper,
who scorns Lee Random's advice
and tells him that he is an old man
and cannot appreciate the meaning
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"Rosita" at the Star—fall of the
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Charles V. of Spain.The original is in a Spanish museum
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of the King of Spain, and Irene
Rich portrays the Queen.There is a host of other cele-
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kong admirers of Mary Pickford.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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Hongkong, January 18th 1925.

4th Sunday after Epiphany.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Children's Service.
11 a.m. Matins.
12 noon Holy Communion.
5 p.m. Evensong.First Church of Christ, Scientist,
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Road, Tram Station.Sunday, 11.15 a.m.
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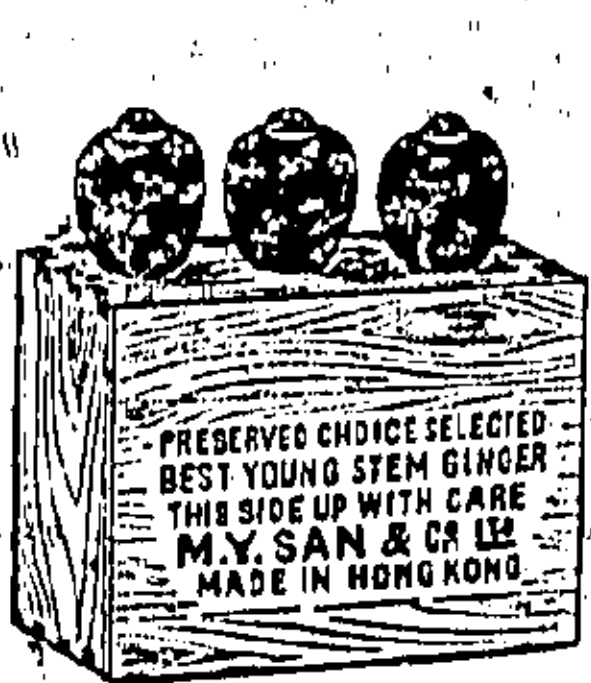
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STARTING LIFE'S BATTLE.

Photo by Mee Fong.

Students of St. Paul's College who have left the school are here seen with the Warden, Rev. A. D. Stewart, M.A., and Mr. E. G. Stewart.

GOODBYE.

Photo by Mee Fong.

Old boys of St. Stephen's College, to mark the departure from the Colony of a master they esteem, gave a dinner in his honour on Monday. Mr. J. E. Warner, principal guest, is seen with Rev. W. H. Hewitt, M.A., B.D., Principal of the College, and other masters.

BOUND FOR HOME.

Photo by Mee Fong.

Mr. J. E. Warner, B.A., of St. Stephen's College, formerly Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor, who left the Colony on Wednesday by the "Hakusan Maru." His future plans are uncertain. Mr. Warner was accompanied by a few of his former pupils who intend to continue their education in England.

NOTABLE HONGKONG WEDDING—MISS MARY HO TUNG MARRIED.

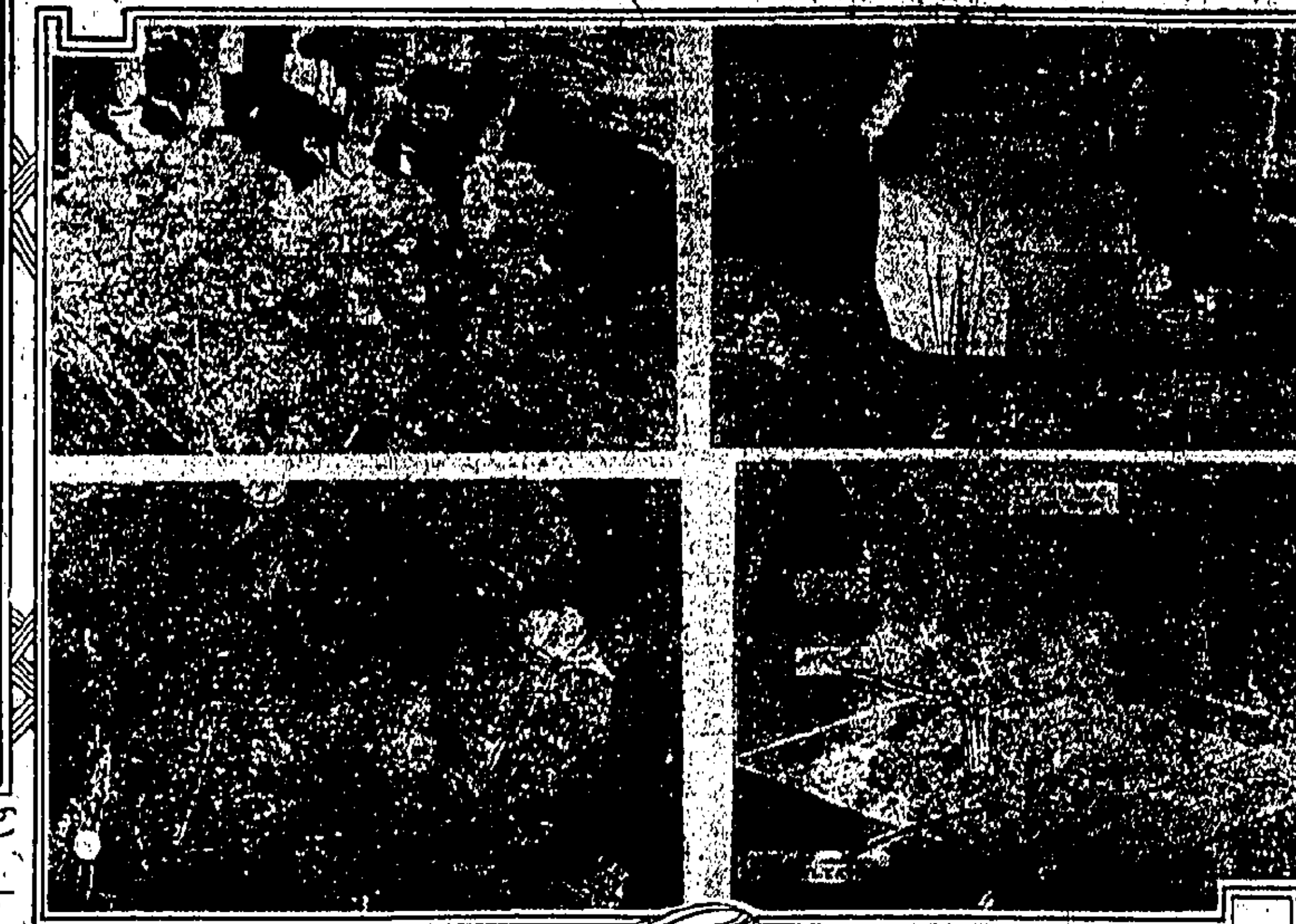
Photo by Mee Fong.

This happy wedding group was posed for the camera man outside "Idlewild," the town residence of Sir Robert Ho Tung. Miss Mary Ho Tung is fifth from the left. Behind her is Sir Robert Ho Tung, and on her right Miss Nancy Ho, bridesmaid. On the left of the bridegroom, Mr. Wong Sik-lam, is the best man, Dr. Y. S. Wan.



THIS PLASTER CAST OF THE HOOF PRINT OF A HORSE LED TO THE DETECTION AND ULTIMATE CONVICTION OF A MALICIOUS MINDED STOCKMAN WHO SET FIRE TO ONE OF THE CALIFORNIA FORESTS.

SLEUTHS of the FOREST



THE FOREST DETECTIVES TRAIL MANY CRIMINALS AND NEGLIGENT SPORTSMEN, TOURISTS AND CAMPERS TO THEIR HOMES BY MEANS OF AUTO-MOBILE TIRE TRACKS. THEY HAVE BECOME SO EXPERT THAT THEY CAN TELL THE DIRECTION THE CAR WAS GOING, THE APPROXIMATE SPEED AND THE TYPE OF CAR BY EXAMINING THESE TRACKS.

THE PECULIAR IMPRESSIONS MADE IN THE MUD OR DUST NEAR THE SCENE OF CONFLAGRATION BY SPECIAL KINDS OF HORNAILS OR RUBBER HEELS OFTEN LEAD TO THE FINAL IDENTIFICATION OF THE OFFENDER.

Men Who Trail The Firebugs Of The Woods— Ingenuity In Reading Footprints— A Work Of Thrills.

[BY MANUEL JACKSON.]

How good are you as a sleuth of the forest? How much can you tell from an examination of the hoof-prints of a horse in the depths of the woods? Can you tell at a glance the difference between tracks which were made by day and those which represent midnight travel?

If you are able to read the hoof-prints you have an important qualification for the work of the forest-fire detective. Success in this highly specialized branch of crime-detection calls for many talents unknown to the experts of the city police force.

Hunting the firebugs of the forest is a distinct profession, and one which carries with it a type of romance and fascination found in no other line of activity. The successful sleuth in this work employs methods of his own. His thrills and adventures are in a class by themselves. His achievements are stranger than fiction.

To many of us the prevalence of arson in connection with forest fires is little known. We read of the destruction of life and timber in the devastating fires, and deplore their frequency, but we have scant knowledge of their causes. To the forester the cause is a vital factor. He wants to know how the flames were started and how to prevent their repetition.

Trailing The Causes Of Fires. Herein lies the work of the sleuth of the woods. On him falls the duty of tracing the fire to its source—of determining whether it resulted from the mishap of chance or from the deliberate intent of the fire bug.

Perhaps the detective will find his clue in the trail of a horse near the spot at which the fire had its beginning. With this discovery it is important to know the age of the trail—to determine whether the tracks have been there for days or for a mere matter of hours. If

they are fresh they may have active bearing on the cause of the fire.

Fixing the age of these tracks is comparatively simple when you know how. If the impression is sharply outlined the sleuth has good reason to believe that the trail is fresh. Added proof of newness is found in the absence of litter. If no leaves have fallen into the tracks, for example, or if no trash or other foreign substance has lodged therein, it is safe to assume that the trail is but a few hours old, and that it deserves attention.

The speed at which the horse was ridden is another factor of importance. The man who is on a criminal errand is little given to the waste of time. The nature of his work prompts him to be up and moving to the end that he may seek safety in distance. For this reason the sleuth of the forest wants to know the speed of the horse which made the hoof-prints.

With this in mind he notes the extent to which the hoof has slid in coming into contact with the floor of the forest. Swift progress results in a longer slide than that which is made by a horse moving at leisure. The greater the speed may have been, the deeper will be the impress of the edges of heel and toe, and the wider will be the space between hoof-prints.

They Can Tell Night Riding. Night riding is easily distinguished. The trail made during the hours of darkness is less direct than that of

AN EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENT DETECTIVE WORK—THE HENRY CLAY CASE. PICTURE NO. 1 SHOWS THE TRACKERS FINDING THE "PLANT" IN AN INCENDIARY FIRE. NUMBERS 2 AND 3 ARE VIEWS OF THE BURNED "PLANT" ITSELF. NOTE THE WIRE SUPPORTING THE LENS AND THE PARTLY BURNED MATCHES. PICTURE NO. 4 IS A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT. CLAY WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS' IN PRISON.

the daytime. At night a rider will bump into obstacles and stumble over stones and logs easily avoided by daylight.

If a horse carried a rider the forest sleuth knows it from the circumstances that the trail avoids the overhanging branches of trees at a height interfering with the man on horseback. On the other hand, a trail which passes under these low branches was obviously made by a horse that was being led—and the trader wants to know the why of these things. He seeks to determine who brought the horse into the vicinity of the fire, why he hurried, why he was there at night, why he was leading the animal at this particular spot and what he was doing there. Myra.

Establishing the identity of the horse is a matter of studying the hoof-prints. Horse tracks are as individual as those of human beings. Peculiarities of shape or of shoeing may lead the detective to the stable for which he seeks.

If the trail is to have court value for purposes of prosecution its peculiar characteristics must be preserved for presentation as evidence. To accomplish this the sleuth reduces important hoof-prints to plaster-of-paris casts. This is a matter of moments. Plaster poured over a hoof-mark will soon harden, and the impression thus obtained may be used, when needed. More than one incendiary of the timber owes his detection and conviction to evidence of this character.

Foot-Prints Of Men. Human foot-prints are given similar attention. In these cases the evidence may take the form of a heel worn down in peculiar fashion or a shoe of especially individual shape. The imprint of hob-nails may prove as convincing as an actual autograph left by a visitor. If the fire bug has worn shoes bearing definite markings of this or any other nature he is in grave danger of detection. The imprint of a rubber heel often tells its own story with indisputable eloquence.

In these days of flyovers and gas wagons forest is by no means confined to the pedestrian or the horseman. The trail uncovered by the forest sleuth may be that of a cord tire—and we all know that tires have their individual characteristics. It may be that the track was that of the only motor car in the neighbourhood having a particular type of tread; or the identity of the tire may be revealed by a distinctive patch. Whatever peculiarities the tires may have had are disclosed by the impressions left in the surface of the earth.

The expert can even tell in which direction the car travelled. This is done by observing the imprint of the tire pattern. The designs are more clearly marked at the rear than in front. Loose stones which may have been pushed forward by the tires are also a part of the story. The stone leaves a path in its wake, showing the direction in which it moved; and in front of the stone there is an impact which causes earth to accumulate just ahead. Another factor is the circumstance that when a wheel drops into a depression the deeper track is made on the forward side of the hole. Direction is also indicated by the location and position of lumps of mud scattered by the moving car.

Speed Of An Auto. The scattering of earth or other material by the wheels is also interpreted as evidence of speed. A car

moving rapidly will throw this material to greater distances than is done by a car moving at low speed. This factor has the same value in motor-trailing that attaches to the speed at which a trail was made by a horse—and for the same reason.

Not all the evidence is preserved in the form of plaster casts. In many cases it is not possible to make impressions of this character. This leads to the use of the camera. Photography has played an important part in the detection of forest fire bugs. By exercising care to have the camera in exact position a picture without distorted perspective may be obtained. Enlarged to the size of the original, as in the case of a foot-print, this picture may be the final proof of guilt.

Folk Who Start Fires. Who are the fire bugs of the forest? Many of them are the people who indulge themselves in criminal carelessness with utter absence of criminal intent. These persons start disastrous blazes by disregarding the common principles of caution. In one case it may be a mismanaged camp fire. In another it may be the match with which a careless tourist has lighted his pipe or cigarette. Other fire bugs are malicious. Sometimes they are herdsmen who have been caught trespassing. To some of these the starting of a fire seems to appeal as an easily accomplished form of revenge for the grievance arising from Government discipline for violation of grazing regulation.

Whatever the cause, a forest fire brings disaster. The national loss in timber through these fires is appalling and all too frequently the flames cause loss of life to humans and to live stock, to say nothing of the native game animals of the woodland regions. Through its forest rangers the United States Government wages persistent warfare against the fire bug of criminal carelessness as well as the incendiary of criminal intent.

Ingenuous methods of starting fires are often revealed by the foresters in their roles of detectives. Among the most striking of these was the use of the burning glass shown in one of the illustrations. This glass was the vital part of an ingenious contrivance for causing a fire to start when no person was near at hand. The glass was so arranged as to focus the rays of the sun on matches in the midst of dried twigs. The incendiary set his "trap" in such fashion that the sun would reach the burning glass effectively until after a lapse of almost 24 hours. In this way he was able to place what he considered a safe distance between himself and the fire before the outbreak.

By this means several fires were started in a single day. Detection of the cause, and the ultimate trailing and conviction of the criminal, form one of the most striking examples of the excellent work carried on by the men of the forest service in trailing the fire bugs of the forest.

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BIRTHS.

BRUCE.—On January 3, 1925, at
Tientsin, China, to Mr. and
Mrs. G. C. Bruce, a daughter.
WILKINSON.—On Sunday, Jan-
uary 11, 1925, at Shanghai,
to Mr. and Mrs. H. V.
Wilkinson, a son.
GERMAIN.—On January 12,
1925, at Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. T. C. Germain, a son.

DEATHS.

HAMILTON.—On January 9,
1925, at Bath, England, J. B.
Hamilton, C.B.E., of Leeds.
SPARKE.—On January 10, 1925,
at sea, David Brand Sparke,
younger son of Mr. and Mrs.
N. L. Sparke, aged eight
years.

Hongkong, Saturday, January 17, 1925.

**THE FREEDOM OF THE
PRESS.**

In Hongkong, as in other places
of less importance, the freedom of
the Press is sometimes questioned;
but here, happily, on compara-
tively trivial points affecting an
individual or company, and rarely
or ever on matters affecting the
administration or the Governor as
the representative of His Majesty
the King. In Kansas City the
Press is not so fortunately
situated, for the owner and editor
of the "Kansas City Journal-Post",
and his managing editor have been
indicted by the State for the
publication of income-tax figures
concerning prominent individuals
and corporations. Both the
journalists were released on bonds
of \$1,000 each, but the result of
the trial has not yet reached us.

It is interesting to the Press and
the public alike, however, to learn
that, in infringing the law of
Kansas, the two gentlemen
arraigned state that they were
actuated by three motives: First,
to give the news, and give it
promptly; second, to challenge
what they considered an attempt
to abridge the freedom of the
Press; and third, to arouse public
opinion against a law which they
believed was detrimental to the
welfare of the country.

Too often are the news-
papers, even in British Colonies,
blamed—indeed, castigated—by
those in authority for giving
news and giving it promptly,
particularly where such news
affects themselves or their
own special departments, either
Governmental or commercial or
social. They overlook the fact
that to give news and give it
promptly is the essence of the con-
tract of a daily newspaper. Were
it not to affect themselves these
same people would undoubtedly be
the first to criticise either the
withholding of news or the belated
publication of it. Subscribers to
newspapers are secured and
retained both by the ability to
give news and by the enterprise
in giving it promptly.

Then there is the other
phase—attempts to abridge the
freedom of the Press. That
is one of the planks in the
platform of the Press that must
be maintained at all hazards in
spite of State laws or Govern-
mental regulations and by-laws;
and notwithstanding the fads or
fancies to the contrary of this or
that individual or company. The
freedom of the Press is a sacred
heritage, which cannot be
encroached upon, and the sooner
that is realised the more cordial
will become the relations between
certain men in high places and
the newspapers. The spirit of
domination—or domineering—and
dictation to the Press seems a sort
of second nature in some good folk
with views of their own on ques-
tions of publicity. But, so long as
a newspaper is conducted on broad,
fair, and just lines, without fear
or favour, without malice or libel,
outside interference cannot be
tolerated. We are glad to say
that the cap does not fit many
here, but those whom it may be
free to wear it.

Suez Canal Charges.

Lord Inchcape's remarks about
the Suez Canal dues have attracted
considerable attention in shipping
circles, and the suggestion that a
five-franc ton rate may be intro-
duced some time in the future is
of more than passing interest.
The present charge is 7.50 francs
per ton, against 6.25 francs in
1914, and there is a possibility of
this being reduced to 7.25 francs
when a decision is come to in the
matter of negotiations that have
been taking place. Many ship-
owners can remember that the
dues charged by the Suez Canal
have been discussed a great many
times, and there has always been
a feeling that they should be kept
down. The original rate charged
was as high as 10 francs per ton,
and gradually this was reduced
to 6.25 francs, with every prospect
until the war broke out of 5 francs
being fixed. A Home paper, from
which we have quoted the above
remarks, recalls that since the
Canal was first built, large sums
of money have been spent in
improvements, and the depth has
been gradually increased. The
object aimed at is to make the
Canal safe for all ships no matter
how large they are, and this
means that more money will have
to be spent. In 1913 over 5,000
ships passed through the Canal

and close on 8,000 of them were
British. This shows how impor-
tant the matter of the dues is to
the British Mercantile Marine.
The British representatives on the
Board may be trusted to look after
British interests, and if the dues
can be lowered to 5 francs in
another year or two it would help
British shipping enormously.

Abolition of Strikes.

A strong plea for an industrial
truce is put forward in a Home
contemporary by Sir Robert
Hadfield, the industrial magnate.
He suggests a conference com-
posed of representatives of the
Federation of British Industries
and the Associated Chambers of
Commerce on the one hand, and
of the Trades Union Congress on
the other, with power given to
some impartial authority to
arbitrate with the whole sanction
of both sides behind its decision.
If some such arrangement could
be put into operation, even for a
short time, Sir Robert Hadfield
is confident that Great Britain would
soon begin to clear off her war
debts, whilst capital would begin
to flow freely if the fulfilment of
contracts could be guaranteed. It
is well known that a stoppage of
work, even for a few days, may
eat up all the anticipated profits
on a contract, leaving the hapless
employer to make good the loss.
It comes as a surprise to learn
that since the beginning of the
century, no less a sum than
157,000,000 has been lost to the
workmen in wages through
strikes. It would likewise be
interesting to have some figures
respecting the loss of profits by
employers incurred through
strikes during the same period.
Sir Robert Hadfield rightly
attributes the industrial troubles
not to the workmen, but chiefly
to the agitators, who care nothing
for the financial plight of either
employers or employees so long
as they can earn more than a
living wage as agitators. Sir
Robert Hadfield asserts that the
agitators will not permit the
unions to adopt arbitration or
anything like it—hence his
scheme for an industrial truce.
But compulsory arbitration
obtains in Australia—the land of
strikes—and so the real solution
cannot lie in arbitration alone.
Strike at the agitators first and
you will strike at strikes! If the
Governments both of Great
Britain and Australia would be
firm enough to do that, we would
hear very much less of industrial
troubles.

FALSE ALARM.

SUPPOSED BANDIT
EXPLOIT.

VILLAGERS' MISTAKE.

With reference to the report
published yesterday that three
armed bandits had carried off a man
and a woman from a place near
Tsun Wan, the "China Mail" was
informed this morning that a
mistake was made on the part of
the villagers.

In connection with the alleged
kidnapping of a woman from Kow-
loon City, three detectives went to
Tsun Wan yesterday morning.
There they attempted to take the
man—reported as "kidnapped"—
to Kowloon City Police Station
when for some reason, villagers
adopted a threatening attitude.

In the end the detectives had to
draw their revolvers to establish
their authority and the man, a
farmer, was taken off.

The villagers reported the "kid-
napping" affair to Tsun Wan
Station and Central was informed
shortly afterwards. On subsequent
investigation, the real facts were
made clear.

SERVICE FOOTBALL

TEAM FOR INTERPORT WITH
SHANGHAI

A meeting of the United Ser-
vices Football Association has
been convened to take place in the
Junior Officers' Club, Naval Dock-
yard, at 11 a.m. on Monday next,
to select a team to play against
Shanghai on January 27.

CHARITY MATCH RESULT.
The net proceeds from the
Charity Football match between
the Army and Navy on New
Year's Day amounted to \$539.48,
which has been apportioned as
follows:—

Naval Charities \$269.74
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LINGERING COUGHS.

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does influenza and the grippe, but these
coughs, lingering coughs, yield easily to
the healing and curative qualities of
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Good
for troublesome night coughs, too. For
any cough.

WELSH NOTES.
AN ANCIENT CUSTOM.

[By Ap Rhys.]

An interesting custom—the
Coolstrin—which has been
cherished in Wales for centuries
was referred to by a writer in
"T.P.'s and Cassell's Weekly"
and I thought that particulars of
it would be of interest to my
readers.

It is said that the custom was
instituted by the "old Welsh law-
givers" to curb in women that
virulence which they were alleged
to have derived from the
invigorating air of the mountains.
Long after the Saxon dropped it,
the Coolstrin Court sat in judg-
ment on vixenish women in Wales.

It was all a question of rights
and liberties, and the Coolstrin
was formed to protect the liberties
of men from women, who were
thought more dangerous than such
"outlandish folk as the English
and French."

If a man of sociable disposition
married a virulent wife, the couple
would be watched closely by all
the men of the village until an
incident occurred, whose nature
was such that it came under the
jurisdiction of the Coolstrin
Court. Perhaps the husband,
being a lover of good company,
would seek to escape his shrew
by dropping in at the ale-house.
She would follow, and exceeding
the use of her biting tongue, would
go as far as to cuff the little man
until she drew blood, to the dis-
grace of manhood in general. This
was a case for the Coolstrin.

After much argument a suitable
person would be appointed judge.
His suitability for the honour
depended on three things. He was
not to be too much afraid of his
wife, neither lack knowledge of
ancient times, nor be deficient in
good looks. Two men were chosen
as advocates, one for each sex.

At the appointed time a crowd
would gather near a convenient
part of the churchyard wall. In
due time the judge arrived, wear-
ing on his head the collar-bone of
a horse round the crown of his
slouched hat. About his shoulders
was thrown an old coverlet. Thus
robed he proceeded to take his
place with due solemnity. Officers
with long white wands ranged
themselves on each side of him,
while the advocates stood below.

The crier opened the court
invoking, "All good neighbours
and true men, who as yet wore
their breeches, forthwith to give
their attention, to see right and
justice between henpecked hus-
band and brawling wife."

The advocate for the male sex
then stated his case against the
woman, ending by saying that,
"being snarled at and beaten by
such a notorious vixen was slavery
to petticoat government and a
disgrace to manhood."

The case for the defence was
then submitted, and the judge
adjourned the court for another
day, when he delivered judgment.
The judgment, invariably against
the woman, was expressed in some
such words as the following: "The
danger is from women. It is a
hard matter to make a good fight
against them. One minute they
talk us fair and wheedle us in
ways that cannot be resisted; then
they loose their tongues in another
fashion, and clapperclaw us till
we sink, like silly cullies, into
whatever they like. We must hold
a riding upon this woman and her
husband so that all men may be
put to mind to keep the reins tight,
and not to part with the breeches,
nor ever knock under to henpeck-
ing."

The riding took place the next
day. A long procession, led by the
judge, made its way from village
to village. In the procession were
two standard bearers, one with a
petticoat on the top of a pole and
the other bearing a breeches
upside down.

As they passed along men
received them with shouts of
merriment, but the women mocked
them through the windows.

At length they returned to their
own village, where the women
assembled to hoot them. The pro-
cession stopped outside the home
of the woman who had suffered
this public indignity. The pole
bearing the petticoat was fixed
outside the house, and the emblem
of woman's away was pelted with
mud, stones and other missiles
until it dropped to the ground,
amid an uproar of men's laughter.
The breeches was then hoisted to
the roof, and as the standard of
masculine government waved in
the wind the din of male voices
increased to proclaim that the
rights of man had been vindicated.

TAIKOO BALL.

LAST NIGHT'S
CELEBRATIONS.

400 GUESTS.

Four hundred guests last night
enjoyed the thorough arrange-
ments made for their comfort
and entertainment at the Taikoo
Club on the occasion of the an-
nual Ball, dancing went on un-
interruptedly from 9 p.m. until
2 a.m. and the noted floor of the
assembly hall was made use of to
the utmost.

Very choice was the scheme of
decoration and lighting with the
bowers and lattice work en-
twined with creepers and electric
lights, the climbing bamboos
reaching from the dado to the
roof in the vestibule and around
the walls in the dancing hall, and
the diffused light cast by the de-
licately shaded overhead lamps.

Excellent dance music was pro-
vided by the Black Cat Band.
Following are the Committee,
to whose endeavours the great
success of the evening is in large
measure due.

Decorations.—Messrs. J. Simp-
son, T. Grimshaw, T. Young, R.
Gray, W. Warnock, C. Young,
M. H. Wallace, E. Moore and T.
Peteron.

Supper.—Messrs. W. Weir, D.
McNeillie, J. Mitchell, G.
McLeod, C. B. Mathews, T. Peter-
son, D. Austin, J. Muirhead and
Stewart Hope.

Door.—Messrs. Grimshaw Mit-
chell and T. Young.

Bar and Cardroom.—Messrs.
W. Weir, J. Sloan, G. McLeod, T.
Grimmes and Stewart Hope.

Cloak Room.—Messrs. Laing
and Waid.

M.C.'s.—Messrs. J. Russell,
N. M. Campbell, E. Moore, J.
Ashcroft and C. Young.

Mr. T. Grimshaw was respon-
sible for the bamboo decorations
and Mr. J. Russell for the petalled
illuminations.
The electrically controlled
dance indicators were the work of
Mr. F. A. Howell, the rest of the
lighting being carried out by Mr.
T. Young and Mr. W. Warner.
The following were guests of
honour:—Lieut.-Col. Montague
Bates, Lt.-Commr. Hole, R.N.,
Commr. Robinson, R.N.R., Staff
Captain Mayall, Captain and Mrs.
Davison, Mr. and Mrs. R. M.
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and Mrs. T. S. Morrison, Mr. and
Mrs. W. A. R. Douglas and Miss
Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. G. M.
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J. K. Shaw.

PROGRAMME.

- Extra Waltz ... Nightingale.
- Lancers ... Cosmopolitan.
- One Step ... Hinky Dinky Parley Voo.
- Fox Trot ... Oh, Horsey keep your tail up.
- Eightsome ... De'il among the Tailors.
- Waltz ... Just a Girl that men forget.
- Fox Trot ... It ain't gonna rain no mo'.
- Fox Trot ... June Nights.
- One Step ... I'm getting better every day.
- Fox Trot ... Sarah.
- Fox Trot ... Burning Sands.
- Waltz ... By the shores of Aloha Land.
- Fox Trot ... Felix kept on walking.
- Fox Trot ... Paradise Alley.
- Lancers ... Student Songs.
- Waltz ... Lazy Honolulu.
- One Step ... Scotch Medley.
- Fox Trot ... Parade of the Wooden Soldiers.
- Caledonians ... Caledonians.
- Fox Trot ... Last night on the Back Porch.
- Waltz ... Moonlight Memories.
- Fox Trot ... Why did I kiss that Girl?
- One Step ... Maggie! Yes Ma.
- Extra Waltz ... Mellow Moon.

FORGED CHEQUE.

REPORT FROM THE KAI
HING BANK.

An alleged fraud committed by
a Chinese is reported by Kwong
Shu-shin, manager of the Kai
Hing Bank, Bonham Strand.
A sum of \$4,500 was paid out
on a cheque purporting to have
been drawn in favour of the Kam
Lee Bank, Swatow, but which has
since been ascertained to be a
forgery.

BURGLARS BUSY.

SEVEN SEWING MACHINES
STOLEN.

The Wai San Knitting Factory
at Causeway Bay was broken into
by thieves on the night of Thurs-
day last and seven sewing
machines, valued at \$2,100, stolen.

SCOTCH THISTLES.

WHERE THEY MAY BE FOUND.

"GENUINE ARTICLE."

Memories of the Earlier Days Recalled.

Interest in the growth of thistles in the Colony having been aroused by correspondence in a morning contemporary, Scots residents will be pleased to learn that thistles, described as "the genuine article," are found here in abundance.

Though not actually on the island of Hongkong, thistles grow on an island which forms a part of the Colony. What is more, they are claimed to be of such beauty that they put the Scottish native to shame.

Out on an island, close to the mainland and opposite Cape Collinson, reached by going through Lyceum, will be found the thistles which bloom during the rainy season, usually about March every year. Older residents recall a story in connection with the "Magnificent sight" presented by the "forest of thistles" on the lower parts of the island.

At one time a flock of sheep grazed on this island. The sheep belonged to the late Mr. Rennie, who, several decades back, was interested in the now defunct four mills at Junk Bay. He is supposed to have brought the sheep out from Scotland and the thistle seeds are believed to have been in the animal coats, whence they were gradually shed to the ground. Hence the origin of the thistles.

This island is separated from the mainland by Fu Tau Mun Pass, which leads out to places further north. On going through the Pass from Hongkong, the island is to the right; but if on a ship

sailing out toward Waglan and Cape D'Aguilar, it is to the left. When the thistles are in bloom, the upper reaches of the island are covered by sheets of Easter lilies. These lilies grow a bloom to a long stalk, overhanging like a bell, and the flower is couch-shaped. Many a morning, Hongkong picnickers have arrived there to find the whole hillside covered with wet Easter lilies.

A little joss-house at the head of a small bay, where a landing can be effected, is about the only building on the island. On the heights are the ruins of what is supposed to have been a fort erected by the Chinese before the island was ceded to Britain. Beckwith Bell is close to it, and a light for navigation has also been placed there.

SHIPPING DISPUTE.

ALL STATES SUPPORT THE COMMONWEALTH.

POSSIBLE EARLY SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

MELBOURNE, January 16. It is understood that a mass meeting of the Seamen's Union decided to abide by the award fixing the Mercantile Marine Offices as the central picking up places.

There was a rush of volunteers for the "Nairana" sufficient to man several vessels. All police leave has been cancelled in view of the possibility of trouble on the water front.

It is noteworthy that the volunteer crew of the "Nairana" includes stewards hitherto employed on the vessel and who belong to the Steward's Union.

All the States have promised to support the Federal Government with a view to ending the shipping dispute.

An early settlement of the chief trouble is now expected.

U. S. ARMAMENTS.

NO CONFERENCE IN THE SPRING.

PRESIDENT'S REASONS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 16. White House has authorized a flat denial of the report that an Armament Conference has been called for the Spring.

President Coolidge considers that the conditions in Europe still preclude the United States moving in the direction of another conference. He feels that the United States should wait the outcome of the League of Nations discussions, and do nothing until the success or failure of these is apparent.

GUN-RUNNING.

SEQUEL TO HINMAN CASE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 16. Hinman, who was mentioned in the gun-running case on October 14, and imprisoned at Brixton for the payment of £15,000, has been released by special order of the customs authorities.

IRISH FREE STATE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 16. Mr. Royland has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives empowering the President to appoint a Minister to the Irish Free State.

TOKIO UNIVERSITY.

GENEROUS GIFT FROM J. D. ROCKEFELLER.

FOUR MILLION YEN.

TOKIO, January 16. The Tokio Imperial University authorities have gratefully accepted Mr. John D. Rockefeller's unconditional offer, made at the end of last year, to contribute ¥4,000,000 towards the rehabilitation of the University Library. "No offer was ever accepted with greater pleasure and satisfaction," stated Dr. Yoshinori Kozai, President of the University, to-day. — Reuter.

BANG! BANG!

CHINA—NEW YEAR CRACKERS.

China New Year falling on January 24, to-day's "Government Gazette" publishes the regulations governing the firing of crackers. After specifying the districts in which crackers may be fired, the "Gazette" lays it down that no cracker-firing will be permitted in Ice House Street, Duddell Street, or in the lanes leading out of Duddell Street for a distance of 80 yards from Queen's Road.

All reasonable precaution must be taken against accident, as every one is liable for damage arising from his carelessness.

The firing of crackers is not to be carried on in the vicinity of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service.

No person is permitted to have any fireworks which explode, by detonation, or which contain any explosive ingredient or mixture other than black gunpowder, charcoal, sulphur and saltpetre.

The police have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing crackers in contravention of the restrictions.

The firing of bombs, "electric" crackers and "golden coin" crackers is strictly prohibited.

RACE WEEK.

HAPPY VALLEY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

During the days fixed for the races at Happy Valley, the following regulations will be in force:—

(1)—All vehicles going to the races will proceed via Queen's Road East, Arsenal Street, Praya East, Percival Street, Leighton Hill Road and round the Happy Valley via Wong-Nei-Chung Road to the entrance gates. Vehicles will return to town via Morrison Gap Road and Queen's Road East.

(2)—Passengers will alight from and board trams at:—(1) the main public entrance gate and (2) the members entrance gate only.

(3)—Trunks and persons carrying large burdens will not be permitted west of Percival Street or East of Murray Road between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

(4)—Pedestrians must walk on the footpaths, and not on the roadway.

(5)—Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the race course as directed by the Police on duty.

(6)—Owners of dogs are requested not to allow their dogs to go near the race course, as any dog found straying without a collar with the name and address thereon of its owner is liable to be destroyed.

BOGUS CAPTAINS.

LANCE-CORPORAL SENT TO JAIL.

A PRIVATE DISCHARGED.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Lance-Corporal William Lane and Private Richard Fitzgerald, both of the R.A.S.C., were again brought up to answer charges of obtaining goods by false pretences from Messrs. Verhormal, Shewarman & Co. (Pioneer Silk Store), Pohoemull Brothers, and Kayamally & Co.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence.

The case against Lane was that he passed himself off as "Captain W. G. Turner and obtained various goods by signing cheques under that name. Fitzgerald, who posed as Captain B. Barry, also obtained goods under the assumed name. Most of the goods purchased were retrieved from a Wanchai pawnshop and exhibited in Court by Detective Sergeant W. R. Chester-Woods.

Mr. T. A. Tharani, of the Pioneer Silk Store, was cross-examined at length by Mr. Russ, in the course of which it was suggested by the defence that the two accused were treated to drinks in the back portion of the shop, after which they were fairly well "bucked up" to sign the cheques. This suggestion was denied by witness, who contended that being in civilian clothes he could not think otherwise but that they were Captains.

The first accused was at loss to explain why he signed as Captain Turner, but said that having used it once he continued to do so. The cheques were signed after he had been treated to some drinks.

The second accused in his evidence stated that he accompanied Lane to the Pioneer Silk Store. He admitted having pawned a part of the silk.

His Worship said he could not allow the community to be victimised by men like the two accused. Lane was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. As regards Fitzgerald, he was satisfied that he had been led astray, and he was accordingly discharged.

"BEYOND THE ROCKS."

GLORIA SWANSON'S BEST!

The pleasure seekers at Catalina Island, famous Pacific coast resort, were the recipients of a topsy-turvy treat, one evening during the filming of "Beyond the Rocks," the Paramount picture starring Gloria Swanson and showing at the Queen's Theatre during this week.

The company, under the direction of Sam Wood, went to the Island to film ocean scenes for this picture, adapted from the novel by Elinor Glyn.

The feature of the evening was the perfect dancing of Gloria Swanson, the star, and Rodolph Valentino. Miss Swanson is a charming dancer, and Mr. Valentino has made dancing one of his foremost accomplishments.

BRITAIN'S I.O.U.

A MERE TRIFLE NEEDED TO SETTLE U.S.A.

PARIS, January 16. In connection with the publication of the correspondence between M. Clementel, Minister for Finance, and Mr. Winston Churchill, one of the British delegates to the Conference of Allied Finance Ministers, a semi-official statement points out that Lord Curzon's note of August 11, 1923, stated that the British debt to America was 14 milliards, 200 million gold marks, and if it is to be calculated that the Dawes annuities will bring in 37 milliard gold marks, Britain would receive, according to the Spa percentages, 22 per cent., or about 8 milliard marks. Britain proposes to claim from her debtors only the sum necessary to pay the difference, which will apparently not exceed two or three milliard gold marks. — Reuter.

BRITANNY'S CANNERS.

FASCIST INTERFERENCE.

PARIS, January 16. A vote of confidence followed a heated discussion, lasting all night, on the recent strike of the fish canners of Brittany, which was Communist in origin and Socialist in its interpellations. During the debate it was alleged that there was interference in the strike by Fascist organisations acting on behalf of the employers. This led to uproar, whereupon the sitting was suspended. The Minister for the Interior subsequently declared that liberty to work would be assured without acceding to the demands of the employers, amounting to brutal repression. — Reuter.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

SKIRMISH AT LUNGTAN.

SHANGHAI, January 16. Reports that Sun Chuan-fang was unwilling to co-operate with Chi Hsieh-yuan were set at rest yesterday, when, according to the "China Press," they met in conference at Lungtun. It is noteworthy that during last Autumn they never personally conferred. It is understood that, as a result of interview, Sun Chuan-fang agreed to send troops to assist Chi Hsieh-yuan against Lu Yung-hsiang. Chi Hsieh-yuan's forces are reported to be advancing from Chinkiang against Nanking.

Lu Yung-hsiang is also reported to be sending troops from Nanking against Lungtun.

The vernacular Press to-day reports that a skirmish has taken place at Lungtun. — Reuter.

TROTSKY ILL.

THE PEASANTRY ROLE UNDER-VALUED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, January 16. M. Rykov, President of the Council of Commissars, in a speech at the first all-Russian Congress of school masters stated that Trotsky was confined to his bed with an illness that was curable, but lingering. Trotsky was going south soon, to undergo a cure.

Referring to the misunderstandings between the Communist Party and Trotsky, M. Rykov said that Trotsky had undervalued the rôle of the peasantry in the policy of Soviet Russia. The Communist Party insisted on preserving all the Bolshevik traditions. Trotsky wished to introduce certain changes opposite Lenin's traditions.

M. Rykov declared that the Soviet intended to import 250,000 tons of corn in order to provide the peasants of several districts with corn for next Spring and to regulate the market price of corn, but there was no immediate want of corn anywhere in Soviet Russia.

N. Y. K.

READY FOR THE TRADE BOOM.

HOME PAPER'S COMMENT.

The fact that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is able to declare a dividend of ten per cent on its ordinary capital in spite of its difficulties, and that the unhappy dispute which has been handicapping the company so much during the last few months is at an end, suggests that the great Japanese company will be in a position to take full advantage of the revival in trade which appears to be now upon us, and which will probably spread over the whole world, says the "Journal of Commerce" (Liverpool). So big is the organisation of the company now that one is apt to forget its small beginnings, and the fact that it was only in 1885 that the name came into existence by the amalgamation of two very small concerns, the Kyodo Unyu and the Mitsu Bishi, firms which were employed principally on coastal service and running to the nearby points of the Asiatic mainland.

Between them the two companies owned fifty-eight steamers averaging rather more than one thousand tons apiece, but the greater number of them were old, and some of them had already spent a long and useful life under the Red Ensign before they were transferred to the Japanese flag. The new company immediately added more appropriate tonnage to its fleet, and it was not until 1892 that it was sufficiently strong to undertake a service to Bombay, the first time the Japanese ensign was seen regularly in a distant port.

The war with China in 1894 showed the necessity of a big Mercantile Marine to the Island Empire, and the company, having supplied the Government with most of its best transports in the time of its direst need, was helped considerably in return. Two years afterwards they found themselves with sufficient tonnage to start their three most important regular lines, from Yokohama to London and Antwerp, from Yokohama to Hongkong, Japan and Seattle, and from the same port to Manila and Australia. It meant doubling the capital and ordering a large number of steamers, mostly abroad, but by their careful and sound measures they soon made these big ventures pay, and between 1895 and the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese War in 1904 the fleet was steadily improved.

The struggle with Russia meant further disorganisation of the company's activities, but at the end of it they were in a very much stronger position, while a number of captured vessels were added to the fleet. They were managed with striking ability, and the increased shipping facilities by the company was of the greatest value to the Government in developing the country. As soon as it was over they started to build again and open new services as opportunity offered. In 1911 the Calcutta Line was inaugurated, starting a fierce rivalry with the British India Company.

JAPANESE FLAG IN THE PACIFIC.

The Navy drew considerably on the N.Y.K. fleet for auxiliaries during its Eastern campaign in the war with Germany, but meanwhile the remaining units of the fleet were making huge profits, and although they lost a few ships by enemy action the balance was colossally to their side, and not only did the opening of the Panama Canal assist them considerably, but also so much British and American tonnage was being withdrawn the N.Y.K. took the lead in establishing the Japanese flag very firmly in the Pacific. They built up a huge fleet, and although many of the ships had to be paid for at exorbitant rates, which caused the capital of the company to be doubled, the venture was more than justified. A certain number of their steamers were later handed over to subsidiary concerns, but enough remained to make it one of the biggest lines in the world, which, managed on the policy which the directors appear to have definitely accepted, has infinite possibilities before it.

FRENCH RIGHTS.

PAINLEVE REVIEWS NEW POSITION.

PARIS, January 16. M. Painleve has been re-elected President of the Chamber of Deputies.

In his inaugural speech he recalled the conference in London and Geneva where France, without renouncing her independence or rights, pointed out the way to the nations who were groping after peace.

He emphasised the bitter disappointment of France who, after so many grievous losses and ruins, must bear the heavy burden which in justice others should help to bear.

France's good sense and gallantry would deny the ridiculous rumours of possibility of riots. France would not admit the interference of any foreign country in her home affairs, and would overcome victoriously her post-war difficulties as she had done those of the war. — Havat.

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ELAINE HALL, 17.

A search has been started for pretty Elaine Hall, 17-year-old girl, after her mother had received a telegram signed "Elaine," indicating the girl had been forced to leave her home. Her mother suspects kidnappers.



MME. ANNA PAVLOVA.

Mme. Anna Pavlova, world's premier ballet dancer, has announced that she has married M. Andreo Darnide, her accompanist, and that her farewell tour is a genuine farewell, because she intends to devote herself to the domestic life in her Paris home, where she has fifteen refugee Russian children she adopted after the war.



MRS. AVERY ROCKEFELLER.

It has just been revealed that Avery Rockefeller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Rockefeller, and grand-nephew of John D. Rockefeller, eloped more than a year ago with Miss Anna Griffith Mark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mark, and that he is now living in France with his wife and their baby.



MAJOR AUGUST BELMONT

Major August Belmont, international banker and sportsman, died suddenly in his home.



KID MCCOY JURY

A jury of nine women and three men will decide the fate of Norman Selby, the old Kid McCoy of prize ring days, on trial in Los Angeles, on the charge of murdering Mrs. Teresa More, his sweetheart.



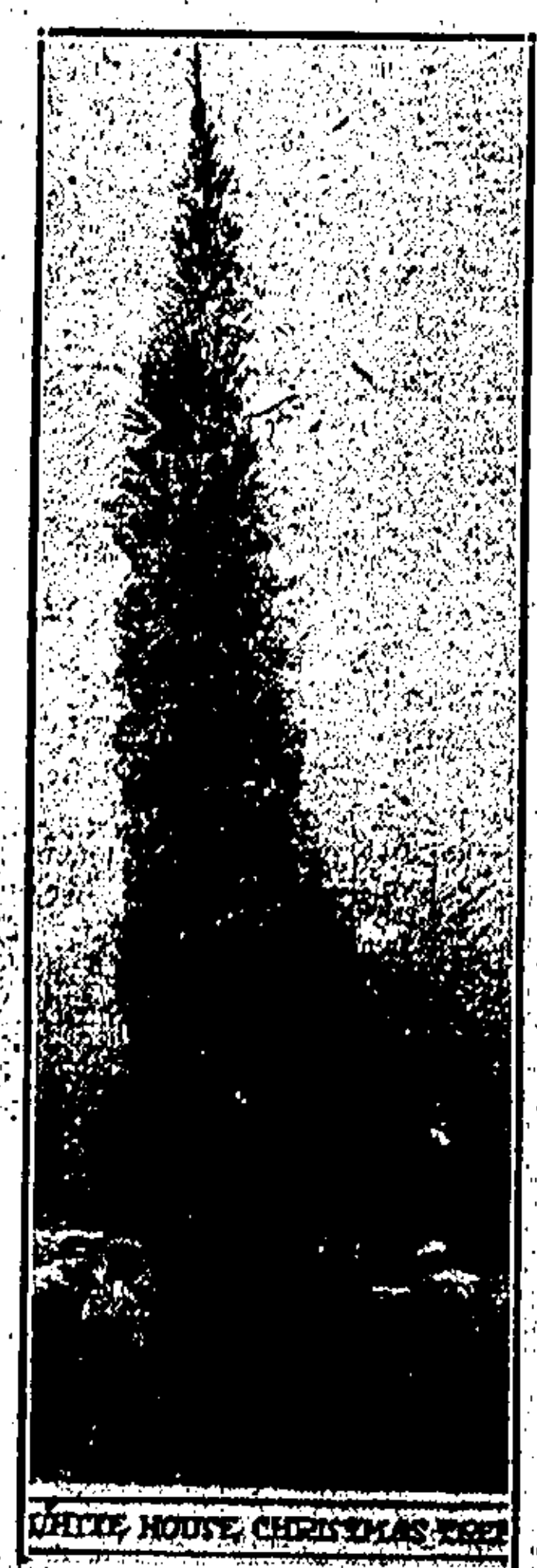
WILLIAM E. KNOX

William E. Knox, President of the American Bankers' Association, headed a delegation of New York bankers who recently visited President Coolidge in Washington.



CAPT. CHARLES W. A. ARTHUR

During the sensational "Mr. A." trial in London, it was testified that the aide-de-camp of Rajah Sir Hari Singh, heir to the Maharajah of Jammu-Kashmir, was implicated with the band of blackmailers who collected \$125,000 from Rajah Sir Hari when he was found in a Paris hotel with Mrs. Maude Robinson. The aide-de-camp, whose identity was kept as secret as that of the Indian potentate, was branded "the most notorious crook in the world" by the lawyers. With the official admission that the potentate was the Rajah, it became known the aide-de-camp was Captain Charles W. A. Arthur, who was arrested in Paris. He denied his guilt emphatically, but was testified at the trial that he received a large share of the \$125,000 blackmail.



WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE

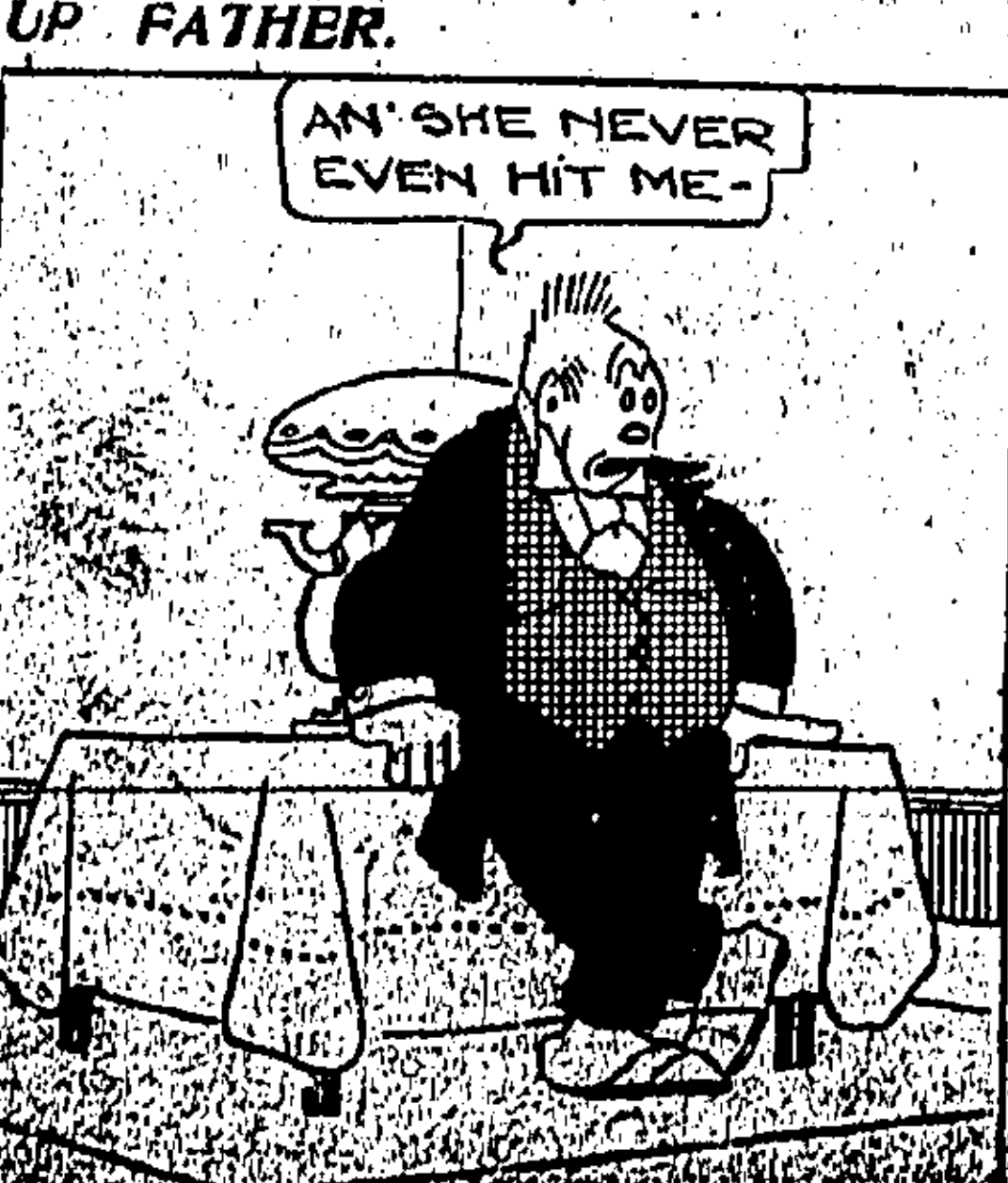
Workmen are shown in a nursery, preparing to remove this huge evergreen tree, which was shipped to Washington as the White House Christmas tree.



COUNTESS OF SUFFOLK

The Countess of Suffolk was injured when thrown from her horse during a hunt near Tetbury, Gloucester. Kid McCoy (Norman Selby), old time prize fighter, on trial on the charge of murdering Mrs. Theresa More, refused to plead insanity, but insisted the wealthy divorcee killed herself. Paavo Nurmi, world's greatest runner, hopes to smash several world's records soon. A group of scientific spirits, not dead but "merely beyond the veil," have organized for spirit research and are in communication with the earth according to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who named among them the late Lord Northcliffe.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Havas cable from Paris to-day reports that the French Premier, M. Herriot, has laid before the Council the treaties between France and Siam.

Britto & Co. Ltd., and the Hung Hing Cheung Co. Ltd., are given three months in which to show cause why they should not be struck off the Colony's register of companies.

Forthcoming Crown Land sales include some 8,000 sq. feet at New Kowloon, upset price \$300, and some 6,000 sq. feet at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, upset price \$9,000.

A Paris message through Reuter reports that the French Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 230 votes to 206—a majority of 24.

The Chinese Navy has consented to return to the Peking fold if the Central Government will guarantee to assume responsibility for their pay each month and the upkeep of gunboats. A promise must be given that there will be changes in the personnel, states the Chinese press.

Reuter reports that a mass meeting of seamen at Melbourne passed a vote of confidence in Mr. Walsh, the President of the Federated Seamen's Union, and also in the Management Committee. A full crew, has been obtained for the steamer "Nairana," which will sail for Tasmania to-day (Saturday).

Cabling from Berlin, Reuter reports that "Vorwärts" ("Forward") declares that the new Government, consisting as it does of open and secret enemies of the Republic, is a slap in the face to the workers, who are indignant and bitter and preparing to fight the Government not only in the Reichstag, but in the whole field of industrial life.

Washington officials consider that American participation in the Paris Conference has not involved the Washington Government in European affairs, nor committed it to future participation therein, in which connection they do not agree with the British and French Press views, that the Conference marked America's entrance into European affairs, says a Reuter's message.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The late Mr. Henry Alfred Badman, of Chandos-avenue, Whetstone, N., formerly of Bangkok, left estate of the value of £30,109.

The Rev. Father Bertie J. Ashness, of Mary Knoll, New York, American Foreign Mission, is on a visit to Kuala Lumpur on his way to China.

Mr. A. J. Denison has been elected Member of Council of the Rubber Growers' Association to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sir John Anderson.

The "Times" announces the engagement of Mr. Roger Wethered, the well-known golfer, to Elizabeth, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Charles Cavendish-Bentick.

Mr. F. Bronnische left Bangkok on January 2 for Hongkong on his way to America. He has been in Bangkok some thirteen years and developed the down town store of the Siam Electricity Co. Ltd.

On the occasion of the birthday of the King of Siam Messrs. E. Wyon Smith and J. A. Crum, of the Department of the Royal State Railways, were elevated to the rank of Knight Commanders of the Order of the Crown of Siam.

The death occurred at Cannes on January 5, almost immediately after his arrival in France by the "Hakone Maru" which left Singapore on November 22, of Mr. N. Weatherstone, late assistant superintending engineer, Keppel Harbour dockyard department.

The death has occurred at the Archbishop's Palace at Borella, Colombo, of the Very Rev. Father C. Conrad, O.M.I., Vicar Procurator, and general manager of the "Ceylon Catholic Messenger." The late Father Conrad, who was 66 years of age, had served in various parts of the island.

The wedding took place on December 10, 1924, at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, England, of Eric James Chandler, of the Dunnstown Rubber Estates, Ltd., Perak, and Mary, eldest daughter of the Rev. J. R. Hughes. The bride's father officiated at the ceremony, and the honeymoon was spent at Borella.

The Full Court of three judges, will hold its next sitting on Monday, February 2, at 10.30 a.m.

The men at the Central Work-shops, Kuala Lumpur, who were on strike for exactly four weeks, have resumed work.

The Burns Anniversary dinner under the auspices of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society is announced for January 23.

There is a head hunting scare in Kedah concerning the construction of the Wan Mat Saman Bridge, and the waterworks behind Jalan Langgar.

A collision occurred at Morrison Gap Road on Thursday, between motor lorry 530 and another lorry belonging to the Hongkong Electric Company. Both cars sustained slight damage.

H.M.S. "Pegasus," the seaplane carrier, which carried out experimental work in Hongkong, has arrived at Singapore on her way home. She will probably remain in Malayan waters about three weeks before proceeding home.

The new Star Ferries had their first regular christening yesterday and proved practically weatherproof. All passengers travelling during the rain had dry seating accommodation, which was thoroughly appreciated by those making the journey during the rush hours.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Chinese New Year vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed. The Chinese New Year vacation will commence on January 24, and terminate on January 28, (both days inclusive.)

Discussing aviation prospects at Calcutta, Major-General Sir Sefton Branker, (Director of Civil Aviation), was confident that mooring masts for airships would ultimately be erected at Karachi, Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon and Singapore. He announced (says Reuter) that it was proposed shortly to link up New York and London, foreshadowing a flight from Karachi to New York in seven days.

His Excellency the Governor was present at the performance of St. Joan last night, for the second time.

Lord Maclay, the well-known Glasgow shipowner, and Lady Maclay, have arrived in Colombo. They leave for Sydney shortly.

Colonel Butterworth, R.E., who has been spending a few weeks in the Federated Malay States, returned by the s.s. "Nam Sang" yesterday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. William Joseph Brown, of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., to Miss Winifred Louisa White, en route from Britain by the s.s. "Atsuta Maru."

Since the beginning of this year Mr. A. C. Hynes has been confirmed in the appointment of manager of the Singapore branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in which he has been acting since the retirement last year of Sir John Peter, K.B.

Sir Albert and Lady Spicer, who recently arrived in the Colony from England, should have been mentioned as being present at the Ying Wa Girls' School Speech Day on Thursday and as having spoken a few words to the scholars. Sir Albert and Lady Spicer, who have made the visit to China in order that they may see their daughter (a teacher at Ginling College, Nanking) are great supporters of the London Missionary Society, under the auspices of which the Ying Wa School is carried on.

Viscount Finlay, the senior Benchman at the Middle Temple, who has been no less than 57 years at the Bar, has just had the pleasure of seeing his son made a Benchman at the same Inn. It is a very rare thing that father and son should be simultaneously (so to use the technical expression) "Masters of the Bench." Mr. F. B. Matthews, K.C., by the way, who was called to the Middle Temple Bench along with Sir W. Finlay, is one of the most popular scribes and his viceroyship is a fine thing. Lord Darling once complimented Mr. F. B. Matthews on his viceroyship.

Twenty houses were gutted at Wongshu, Canton, through a fire which lasted over two hours.

An order was made by the Police Magistrate to-day for the confiscation of 62½ sticks of dynamite found on a junk at Chuenchau.

The Irishmen of Singapore, of whom there is a remarkably large number, are getting together to form an Irish Association, somewhat on the lines of other national Societies.

In reply to questions in Parliament, the Dutch Minister for the Colonies stated that vigorous action is being taken to suppress Communist propaganda in the Dutch East Indies.

The results of the Royal Colonial Institute's essay competition for 1924 are announced. None of the schools in the Far Eastern colonies is represented in the prize-list.

A motor car collided with a ricksha at Des Voeux Road West at 1.50 a.m. to-day. The puller and the occupant, a woman, were both injured and taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

"9.30. Covent Garden Opera relayed to Melbourne, Hongkong, Vancouver" is the kind of broadcasting programme we may expect in the near future, if proposals made by Senator Marconi before the Royal Society of Arts on December 11 come true.

From Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., the "China Mail" has received a number of very pretty Chinese calendars. After the well-known "Watson" style for years, the subject is a large Chinese character inside which are a number of "heavenly maidens" from an allegorical piece.

The decision to proceed with the Singapore naval base revives the question of providing adequate wireless facilities, says a Home paper. It may be taken for granted that steps are in contemplation, and it seems likely that the station will be one capable of communicating with receiving stations in all directions, and, consequently, not of the beam type.

Mr. Li Kwai-fat has been appointed a forest officer.

To-day's "Government Gazette" announces that Dr. A. G. M. Severn has been appointed to act as a Medical Officer of Health, with effect from December 15 last.

Mr. G. J. Johnston, of the International Bank at Peking, has been transferred to the Hongkong branch of the International Banking Corporation and is being succeeded at the Peking post by Mr. Bower of Kobe.

Members of the Canton Consular body were entertained at dinner by Civil Governor, H. E. Mr. Wu Hae-min, and Dr. C. C. Wu (Canton Foreign Minister) on Thursday evening.

The engagement is announced of Mr. D. D. Dryden of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, youngest son of Mr. J. Dryden of Dundee, and Miss Ethel Mary Packham, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Packham of Kimberley Villas, Kowloon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. N. Dyer have returned to Shanghai from their trip to Saigon. Mr. Dyer is again one of the candidates for a foreign seat on the French Municipal Council which he has held for 15 years, having also been Vice-Chairman.

The following pupils of Ying Wah Girls' School have obtained certificates. High School: Au Yeung, Shuk-own and Suen Yan-tsz. Primary: Yeung Yuk-wa, Leung Tsui-pho, Ue Sap-kam, Wong Yuk-ting, Lau Yen-yung, Chin Yuk-king, Lau Mei-yuk, Wong Yuk-jin, Wong Mei-chan, Wong Yuk-ping, Yee King-shan, Woo King-chob, Wong Kwai-fan, Chan Mei-lin and Tsan Sui-kam.

The death has occurred of Mr. J. B. Hamilton who was Commercial Manager to the Corporation of Leeds and was an expert in all matters connected with tramways and was instrumental in getting the Singapore tramways taken over by the Shanghai Tramway Company while at Shanghai on a visit during the winter of 1921/1922. While in Shanghai Mr. Hamilton reported on the traffic problems, more especially the tramways, railways and other matters and the services were much improved by the adoption of his recommendations.

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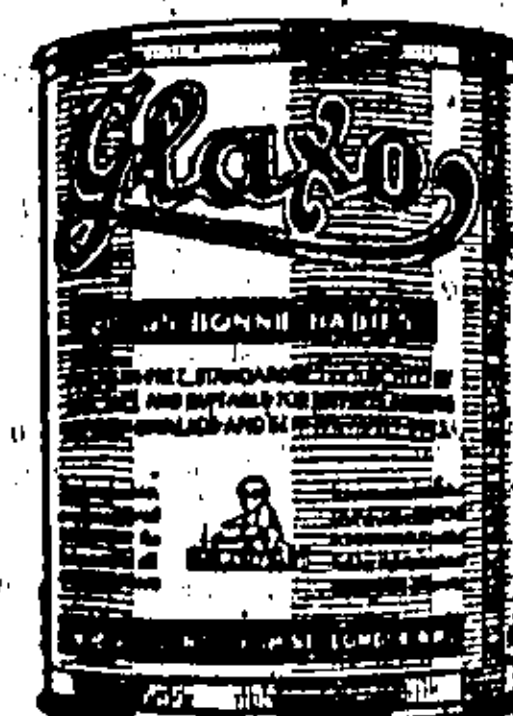
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GOVERNOR PRESENT.

The distribution of prizes at Queen's College took place this morning, H.E. the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., giving away the prizes.

On the platform there were also present Mr. T. J. Gaisford, St. Lawrence (Private Secretary), Sir Claud Severn, Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Professor C. Middleton Smith, Professor L. Forster, Mr. E. Ralphs, Captain Watts, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. U. Rumbahn and Mr. C. G. Anderson (honorary secretary to the Queen's College Old Boys' Association).

The following report for the year ended November 30, 1924, was read by Mr. R. Tanner, the Headmaster.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen.—This being, in all probability, the last occasion upon which I shall have the honour of submitting a report on Queen's College, it has been my endeavour, in drawing it up, to do what I could toward creating a favourable, last impression by curtailing it in every possible way.

Attendance.—The total number of students in attendance during the school year was 763, being 76 less than in the previous year. Of this total, all, with the exception of 15 boys, were enrolled at the beginning of the school year; and, as usual, quite a large proportion of the boys admitted to Class 3 came from the Government District Schools.

An unusually large number of boys left during, and especially toward the end of, the year; so that the number in attendance at the end of November was reduced to 550. Almost without exception the 200 boys who left were in the senior school, mostly in Classes 2 and 3, and in practically every case the reason given for leaving school was financial stress and the necessity, owing to increased cost of living and higher rents, that these boys should find employment and so make some contribution, as wage-earners, to the income of their respective families.

The number of school days during 1924 was 227 as compared with 206 in 1923.

The average daily attendance was 559 as against 678 in 1923. Staff.—Changes in the personnel of the staff were just as numerous as ever, and it was frequently a matter of considerable difficulty to arrange so that the continuity of the work in the various classes concerned should not be too seriously interfered with by these changes.

In December, 1923, Mr. Tze Yik-fong, Assistant Chinese Master, and Mr. Li Chak-man, Vernacular Master, died; Mr. Hamilton returned from leave and Miss Anderson arrived upon appointment from home.

In January, Messrs. de Rome and Ng Siu-shung was appointed as Junior Vernacular Master.

In February, Mr. Wallington arrived from home and Mr. Tang Tsok-san was transferred to Gap Road School.

In March, Miss Brown arrived from home.

In April, Mr. Ng Siu-shung, Vernacular Master, was sent to Gap Road School and Mr. Ho Yun-fan was appointed to take his place here.

In October, Mr. Tang Shu-sham, Chinese Assistant Master, resigned upon being appointed to the Headmastership of a Chinese School in Samarang; Miss Anderson was transferred to the Peak School; Mr. Ng Fung-chau, senior Chinese Assistant Master, came to us from the Vernacular Normal School, and Mr. Tolley from the Central British School.

In November, Messrs. Edwards and Upsdell returned from leave and rejoined the Staff and Miss Brown was sent to the Central British School.

Discipline.—Discipline, and control, as well as the general wholesome tone of the school were maintained at the same high level of excellence at which we always aim.

The excellent tone and general all-round good feeling prevailing in the playgrounds and among the boys generally when not under the direct supervision of members of the staff reflects the greatest possible credit upon the School Prefects and other senior boys responsible for the organization of games, entertainments, and various social undertakings.

Health.—The general health of the school was not quite as good as usual and there was an unusually large number of applications for short leave of absence on account of sickness.

Dr. Paterson examined 198 newly-enrolled boys, and others requiring attention. Of these, 92 were recommended by him for further treatment by specialists on account of defective vision, and 86 were supplied with spectacles.

The establishment of the regular school clinic promised by Government will prove a great boon; meanwhile to the medical staff of the Alice Memorial Hospital I have to offer our customary expression of thanks for their prompt attention to minor casualties and for their unvarying kindness in reporting upon and prescribing for boys suffering from slight ailments.

Studies.—Although the year has been what may perhaps be best described as a somewhat unsettled one, owing probably to the fact that we reflect, in our small way, the present generally unsettled condition of things outside, we have in our class-rooms and laboratories succeeded in maintaining an atmosphere of cheerful and interested work. And, although, judged by examination mark-sheets alone, results in certain sections of Classes 2 and 3 appear little short of disastrous, we feel that in other, and perhaps more important directions, we may justly congratulate ourselves upon having completed a year of quite satisfactory work and attainment.

Referring in detail to results of the recent November examinations I shall deal first with the Lower School, consisting of Classes 8 (for beginners in English) to 4.

In these sections, we examined a total of 253 boys, and of these, 228 reached the pass standard in the various branches of English and Chinese, and qualified for promotion.

Upon being promoted to the Upper School, consisting of Classes 3, 2, and 1, boys are called upon to decide as to whether they wish to enter a class on the "Science" or on the "Commercial" side.

In Class 3, the junior class of the Upper School, our examinations were made even more searching than in previous years with the result that, out of a total of 168 boys examined, only 113 were considered fit for promotion to Class 2.

The University examinations, Junior Local and Matriculation respectively, have for some years taken the place of our old annual Class 2 and Class 1 examinations for promotion and graduation; and it is our invariable practice to enter for these University examinations every boy, without exception, who succeeds in obtaining a seat in either of these classes and who is in attendance at the end of the school year.

Thus, in Class 2, we had, in November, a total of 94 boys, all of whom sat for the Junior Local Examination, with results as follows:—On the "Science" side, in section "A," 18 boys sat and 18 passed; in section "B," 16 boys sat and 10 passed; in section "C," 19 boys sat and 5 passed.

Here, results were, more or less, what had been anticipated, and it was upon our two "Commercial" sections that the blow of disaster fell most heavily, since here, while in section "A" 10 boys passed out of 25, just one boy out of 16 in section "B" managed to "scrape through."

These disappointingly poor results, especially in the "A" section, where we had quite a good lot of boys, are, I think, largely accounted for by the fact that they suffered here, more than in any other part of the school, from the changes in the staff referred to above; added to which, while I am still as strong an advocate as ever of the necessity for keeping up the standard required in connection with these examinations, I feel I must express my sympathy with the many boys who went under to what may perhaps have been the somewhat unduly drastic system of marking adopted for the Junior Essays in English.

Coming, finally, to Class 1, consisting entirely of Matriculation candidates already holding Junior Local certificates:—out of 24 boys presented on the "Science" side, 12 succeeded in matriculating, one was awarded a Senior Local pass and 11 failed, while on the "Commercial" side, out of a class of 18 boys, eight matriculated, two obtained Senior Local passes and eight failed.

Here, again, except for the customary two or three inevitable "surprises," results were pretty much as we had expected, and the only comment I have to make is that the marks awarded for drawing, and especially for free-hand, model and memory drawing, although, fortunately, they did not affect the passing or failure of a single candidate, were decidedly startling to those of us who have had opportunities of gauging so accurately the capabilities of Chinese youths in this direction.

Before passing on, let me add a touch of brightness by pointing out that our Junior Local candidates were this year awarded as many as 48 distinctions as compared with 26 last year, and that in addition to the 113 boys

gained by Matriculation candidates (as against four last year) two of these latter, Chang Lu-man and Tse Chan-yau, were awarded "Honours." Our Senior Prefect and Head Boy of the school, Chang Lu-man, gained the President of China Scholarship and the Hongkong Government Educational Scholarship, while of the six student teachership tenable at the University and now thrown open to competitors from all schools four have been awarded to our boys.

Athletics.—Games continue to be extremely popular, and football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, cricket, swimming, running and boxing—each under the direction and control of specially interested masters—attract keenly enthusiastic following.

The first-class games in football and volleyball, for both of which each of our 25 sections entered a team, aroused the usual keen competition, and in swimming we did particularly well, especially when after the usual exciting contest our team succeeded in winning, for the sixth year in succession, the Coronation Swimming Shield.

To us, the most encouraging features of our games is the steadily increasing number of boys who take an interest in them, an interest that has now spread to practically every boy in the school instead of being confined, as was the case, not many years ago, to a very small minority.

Sergeant Marriott still instructs in his particular form of the "noble art" while for "Chinese Boxing," instructors are provided by the Chinese Boxing Association. Both classes gave interesting exhibitions during the year.

Libraries.—The libraries and reading-rooms—English and Chinese—are still very popular, and books in the reference section, to which several valuable additions have been made, have proved of great use to Members of the Staff and to boys in the senior classes.

The number of papers, periodicals and magazines has been considerably increased, and to the Old Boys' Association we are indebted for contributions of funds and books toward the upkeep of the Chinese section of the library.

The school prefects act as assistants to the librarian-in-charge.

The College Magazine.—The "Yellow Dragon," still flourishing under the able editorship of Mr. Kay, is now in the 26th year of its existence, and continues by its circulation to all parts of the world its extremely valuable functions of recording all that affects the life and activities of the school, and of supplying a well-forged link between pupils past and present.

General.—All our social and charitable organisations continue to flourish and to play an important part in the life of the school.

The Old Boys' Association, under the Presidency of Mr. George Grimble, has increased its membership; and to it as a body as well as to several individual members, we are grateful not only for the active interest taken in the school, but for numerous gifts of prizes for special school subjects and for our inter-class football and volleyball competitions.

In conclusion, I desire, personally, and on behalf of the school to offer our very best, thanks to Your Excellency for honouring us by consenting to distribute the prizes to-day; to our visitors for their attendance and interested attention, and to those who have so generously contributed to our Prize Fund.

And, finally, I wish to thank all members of the Staff for their unfailing loyalty and support; for their unremitting efforts in work and games to cultivate a proper spirit among our boys; and for their united endeavours to train them in the best traditions of the school and to impress upon them the fact that they come to us not merely to enable them to pass examinations or to fit themselves for some particular position in life but to gain, in addition to the learning handed down and imparted to them by their own excellent teachers, such a knowledge of Western ideas and ideals as shall help them to become worthy men and honourable citizens.

His Excellency the Governor said that he thought it proper, in the presence of the headmaster, to follow the example of the headmaster. This, in all probability, would be the last time he would be here to present prizes to the students of Queen's College, and he would like to create a favourable impression. He could only say that, although the report showed that the year had not been quite so successful, in many respects as it might have been, he did not think that was discouraging. What was more important than examinations was that the tone of Queen's College was maintained. He congratulated

Mr. Tanner on the manner in which he had maintained the old standards and traditions of the College.

The prizes were then distributed by His Excellency, who was given three cheers at the close.

PRIZE LIST.

Scholarships: (19).—Upper Schools: Senior Morrison, Chang Lu-man; Blake, Leung Ping-hin; Senior Stewart, Tso Chan-yau; Wright, Wong Koon-ngok; Senior Bellios, Lam Yan-tak; Ho Tung, Kwong Sik-kwong, Mak Kai-hung; Lee Hy-san, Tong Wai-lit; Ho Kom-tong, Lo Cho-chi; Ho Fook, Omar Hussan; Junior Bellios, Wong Kung-fat.

Lower School: Junior Morrison, Wei Hee; Alfred May, Kwok Tak-chung; Junior Stewart, Tsui Yan-fung; A. W. Grant, Lung Hon-fai; Ho Wing, Woo Yuk-fan; Ho Lu, Cheung Kung-chiu; Ho Kwong, Li Ka-tung; Dealy, Sung Fuk-tin; Ralphs, Wei Chung.

Government Scholarships: (5). Class 4.—Full: Li Kai-yung, Chan Chun-cheung, Kwok Ming-sang, Chan U-chuen. Half: Ng Hung-kai.

Special Prizes offered to Class 8, in lieu of Scholarships by George Grimble, Esq., President, Q.C.O.B.A.—Chan Wing ki: \$30; Wong Man-lap, \$20.

Special Prizes.—"Ralphs" Head Prefect Medal, Chang Lu-man; Machell Memorial Prize, Mit Singh; Rumbahn Prize for Literature (Cl. 1), Chang Lu-man; Ellis Brothers' Prizes for Mathematics (Class 1), Tse Chan-yau; (Class 2), Mak Kai Cham; Henry G. Leong Prizes for English Composition (Class 1), Chang Lu-man; (Class 2), Tong Wai-lit; (Class 3), Omar Hassan; Ho Kwong Prizes for Special Vernacular Composition: Lam Sin-chiu, Chan U-chuen, Li Pui-tong, Chan Yat-wai, Siu Tso-to; Woo Lai-woon Translation Prizes, English to Chinese: Chang Lu-man, Pong King-cheung, Chung Moon-hoi; Chinese to English: Chang Lu-man, Lo Yue-tung, Li Kai-yung; History prizes: Robert Ho Tung, Tsang Kwong-chung, Lo Cho-chi, Chiu Sze-chi, Mok Chak-lau; Composition Prizes: Leung Ping-hin, Mak Kai-hung, Tong Fu-sam, Lau Pui-ki, Wong Han-pak, Mak Pak-kin, Mok Chak-lau, Wong Tim-po; Matriculation Honours: Chang Lu-man, Tse Chan-yau; Junior Local Distinctions: Chan Tit-man, Kwong Sik-kwong, Tong Wai-lit, Tsang Hui-fung (three each); Kwok Yuk-lun, Lo Chi-chiu, Lo Cho-chi, Mak Kai-cham, Mak Kai-hung, Sung Ying-wah, Tso Po-shum, Li Yeung-yam, Mok Chak-lau (two each); Extra Prizes for Lit. and Advanced Algebra, Lo Chi-chiu.

Class Prizes (English).—Full 1, Choi Fan-yang, Ip Kun-in; Commercial 1, Au Yeung-chong, Tsang Kwong-chung; Full 2A, Mak Kai-cham, Lo Chi-chiu; Full 2B, Mit Singh, Tong Fu-sam; Full 2C, Kwok Yuk-lun, Iu Kai-in; Commercial 2A, Tsang Hui-fung, Ho Kai-kit; Commercial 2B, Hui Hin-tat; Full 3A, Tam Kam-shau, Pong King-cheung; Full 3B, Tung Man-tim, Fung Yee-tsang; Full 3C, Wong Shing-tso, Wong Tim-po; Commercial 3A, Chan Ki-kung, Tso Nai-shung; Commercial 3B, Wong Pui-kai, Li Tat-soi; Commercial 3C, Lam Sin-chiu, Leung Yun-sang; Commercial 3D, Chau Kwong-kwing, Li Kin-ki; 4A, Leung Yiu-kwan, To Heung-chun; 4B, Li Kai-yung, Pang Kam-yung; 5A, Leung Sik-wun, Lau Tak-shun and Tse Kong-in; 5B, Chu Yuen-chee, Pang Oi-lam; 6A, Tang Pak-lau, Leung Kit-tong; 6B, Ho Kai-ki, Tong Shiu-cheuk; 7, Leung Kwong-yiu, Lo Chi-chiu; 8, Tam Chun-lam, Ma Shum-wun.

Class Prizes (Vernacular).—Full 1, Choi Fan-yang, Ip Kun-in; Commercial 1, Yuen Hok-lim, Au Yeung-chong; Full 2A, Chan Tit-man, Li Yeung-yam; Full 2B, Siu Pui-wang, Fung Yan-lau and Li Ka-yut; Full 2C, Ng Sik-kwong, Kwok Yuk-lun; Commercial 2A, Chan Ping-to, Wong Wing-nin; Commercial 2B, Hui Hin-tat; Full 3A, Pong King-cheung, Lo Yui-tung; Full 3B, Li Siu-lup, Ng Kip-luk and Lai Kam-shu; Full 3C, Yip Ching-yat, Woo Shiu-po; Commercial 3A, Mak Pak-kin, Tsang Kwong-lam; Commercial 3B, Sz to Shun, Fok Wei; Commercial 3C, Lam Sin-chiu, Yue Tse-chiu; Commercial 3D, Chau Kwong-kwing, Lui Hing-ling and Kwok Yui; 4A, Yeung Chun-pui, Wong Man-cho; 4B, Tse Ki-yat, Lam Fuk-lin and Fung Tze-tung; 5A, Wong Mung-fee, Fung Tin-yau; 5B, Yip Yew-ting, Leung Ying-shum; 6A, So Tsang-ye, Leung Kit-tong; 6B, Au Wai-sun, Leung See-yung; (Extra) Li Po-pun; 7, Lam Hung-yip, Ip Koon-in and Leung Kwong-lu; 8, Ma Sham-wun, Tam Chun-lam.

SHADOWS BEFORE

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 17.—Coronet Theatre: "Cythera."

January 17.—Star Theatre: "Rosita."

January 17.—Queen's Theatre, "Beyond the Rocks"; also The Manila Vaudeville Co.

January 17.—World Theatre, "The Demi-Virgins."

January 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m.

January 21.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 4.30 p.m.

January 23.—Variety show from Home, at Theatre Royal.

SOCIAL.

January 17.—Dance at Craigengower Club.

January 22.—Musical at Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.

January 23.—Burns Anniversary Dinner under the auspices of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society.

January 23.—Fancy Dress Ball in the Grill Room, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

SPORTS.

January 31.—Hongkong Boxing Association tournament in City Hall.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

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February 2.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's, at noon.

February 19.—One hundred and fifth meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at 4A Des Vaux Road, noon.

February 10.—Thirty-seventh meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 20.—Joint conference of China Medical Missionary Association and the H.K. and China Branch of British Medical Association opens at City Hall.

January 22.—Extraordinary general meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.30 p.m.

January 30.—Annual meeting of seaholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral, in the Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

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The popularity of the comparatively few translations of the work of fiction writers of other nationalities that there are on the English market has led Stanley Paul & Co., Ltd. to publish a new series of translations of standard fiction in which figure such names as Fortune Du Boisgobey, Bocaccio, Bernardin de St. Pierre, Guy de Maupassant, Alexandre Dumas and Alessandro Manzoni.

The books so far issued in connection with this series have much by which to commend themselves—they are of a handy size and clear type, have a nicely designed title page, frontispiece and coloured jacket and the even greater advantage of cheapness—they are published at 2/6d. a volume.

"The Mysteries of Paris" is an appropriate title for the English translation of Eugene Sue's popular novel in which by means of a narrative hinging upon the fortunes of Gustavus Rodolphe, disguised heir presumptive to the Grand Duchy of Gerolstein is painted a picture, all the more vivid by reason of its contrasts, of life in the underworld of the gray capital of France and in the small courts of such states as are contained within the German Confederacy, in the days when such had a greater measure of autonomy.

The reader is taken from scenes in such receptacles of filth as is

cast, the police net when there have been particularly atrocious crimes committed—such for instance as the old time tapis-franc, in the slang of the murderers and thieves of Paris a smoking house or inn of the very lowest class—to scenes of munificence such as it was the strange experience of Fleur de Marie to play a part in.

"The young girl, descending from the carriage of the Marchioness, had crossed a first antechamber, filled with footmen in grand livery, a waiting room, where valets attended, then the saloon of the hussiers, and finally, the waiting hall, occupied by a chamberlain and the aides-de-camp of the Prince, in full uniform." Let the reader imagine the astonishment of poor Marie, who knew no other splendours than those of the farm at Bouqueval, on traversing these princely apartments, resplendent with gold, mirrors, and paintings.

"The contrasting settings, in which move the principals, with whom the story is concerned, are due to the wanderings in disguise through his father's country of Gustavus Rodolphe, and to his many benefactions. It is his object to assist honourable, unfortunate who ask assistance, to search after and aid those who struggle with honour and energy and to render honest and good those who have preserved some good qualities amid all the misery that surrounded them.

By the very nature of the quest, apart from charm of presence, it is in the nature of things that a knight errant seeking for causes to champion should have many strange encounters, particularly when he pursues his quest in low taverns and dark alley ways. The chief charm of the story lies in the description of these rather than in the complications which beset the earlier life of the Prince and with which the reader is acquainted in rather confusing sequence.

MUSIC.

A HAPPILY PHRASED MESSAGE.

["Music," by Sir W. H. Hadow; published at 2/6 by Williams & Norgate, Ltd., Covent Garden, W.C.]

Surprisingly refreshing to any under the delusion that the study of music is obtruse and difficult is Sir William Hadow's contribution to the comprehensive series of new and specially written books which is known as the Home University of Modern Knowledge. In the conviction that it is the terrifying appearance, presented by many of the text books that have been written on the subject that has deterred many from attempting to attain to intelligent appreciation of music Sir William has made the book as charmingly informative as it is possible for one of its nature to be and the result is that his happily phrased message will make a strong appeal to the increasing number of people who, having had little or no musical training, wish to know more about the art and especially to find in it more sources of noble pleasure.

The amount necessary for intelligent appreciation is no harder to acquire than any other language in the opinion of the author who, to illustrate his point that no one should hold back on the score of not having special aptitude, aptly remarks that the study of poetry is not confined to poets nor are none but painters admitted to the picture gallery. "All persons who are not actually tone-deaf can enter upon the way of understanding music and follow it so far as they have opportunity or inclination."

"We enjoy our favourite kinds of music without ever enquiring how they are constructed; they give us a pleasant quarter of an hour and we ask nothing further," this is the remark one often hears on the lips of those who are proud of admitting that they are bored by the classics. Sir William thinks that the only reason why such seem to prefer the bad is because they have not realised how much more the good will give them.

"The starting point of all musical appreciation is that music is an art, like any other, and that like any other it exists for the happiness of mankind. Music may be as vulgar and inane as the lowest farical comedy, as pretentious as the self advertising poetaster and as stupid and

TEMPORARY VOGUE.

How we find a possible explanation of a problem which has puzzled more than one generation of literary critics—why do the writings of certain authors have an immense vogue when these authors are seen to be without the really great qualities? Is success in literature only a lottery? Is the general public a fool then, easily to be led by the nose? As there is no effect without a cause, there must be a reason for the popularity which sometimes seems to us unaccountable. The real explanation of the welcome which was bestowed on the "Proverbial Philosophy" of the late Martin Farquhar Tupper, for example, or on the novels of the late E. P. Roe, is to be sought in the sincerity of these two writers. Neither was in any way a charlatan. Both of them gave the public the best they had in them; and, as it happened, they thus voiced the unformulated feelings of the segment of the reading circle to which they themselves belonged. So far from writing down to the public taste, as they were accused of doing, they were, in fact, writing up to the taste of the portion of the public that welcomed their works. By their own birth and bringing up, both Mr. Tupper and Mr. Roe were in a measure representative of the "plain people," as Lincoln phrased it, and they could not help taking the plain people's point of view. This the plain people recognized promptly; and the writers had their reward on the spot. Their writings lacked the permanent qualities of literature, no doubt, and that is why their vogue was temporary only.

—BRANDER MATTHEWS, in "Aspects of Fiction."

pedantic as the worst treatise of the worse grammarian. It may rise into such heights of beauty and sublimity as no other art can attain, it may transport us to the very soul of the world, the edge of the infinite, where we may hear unutterable things. The choice between these is in our own hands."

The paths of musical history touched upon by the author may be gathered from the following chapter headings: Music of the Greeks and the Hebrews; Medieval Music, the Discovery of Part Writing; Bach and Handel, the Development of Tonality; The Viennese School, Sonata and Symphony; The Romantic Movement, Extraneous Influences; Wagner, Brahms, and their Contemporaries.

WITH A TIBETAN CARAVAN.

Another mile or two further on, our road ran into and joined the great highway which runs from Shigatse to the west. Along this rolls the stream of traffic which connects Central Tibet with the upper portions of the Brahmaputra River and the sacred Mahasarovar Lakes, where go every year thousands of people on pilgrimage. Still further beyond this Tibetan Mecca the highway runs until it reaches Leh, in Ladak, and even into the dreamy valley of Kashmir.

It is indeed the highroad of enchantment, and once we were on it we met or were passed by a steady stream of traffic. There have past us a swift Government courier carrying messages and orders to far-away governors in the unknown West. We had no fear that he would stop to parley with us, for by a system of relay horses he was bound to cover a hundred miles a day. Buxom matrons, living in some village lying near, were returning from marketing in Shigatse, each covered with cheap trinkets and bright, coloured beads, which she had purchased after enormous bargaining in some open stall. Some came riding sedately on ponies, and mules, and others trudged sturdily along in twos and threes, and compared trinket with trinket, and talked volubly of the prices they had paid for each, and of the marvellous reductions they had secured as the result of their ready wit and voluble tongue. Then we would overtake a small body of Nepalese workers in metal, who had been sent for by the Grand Lama himself to cast a bell for his monastery, for which the cunning of his own craftsmen was not sufficient; then a body of Kashmiri Mohammedans, taking advantage of their proud privilege to bring rare goods in great mule caravans for sale to the aristocracy of Shigatse and Lhasa; pilgrims galore, going in either direction, spinning their prayer-wheels, telling their rosaries at a dizzy speed.

Small caravans of every sort, with yaks, mules, ponies, and donkeys, passed by; donkeys were particularly noticeable. . . .

Nartang owes its fame to its printing-press. Here are printed most of the books which are to be found in every respectable monastery throughout the land.

Tibet has a large literature, but almost all of it of a religious character, and a large part of it consists of translations of works originally written in India in Sanskrit. The originals of these works have in most cases been lost, so that the students of ancient Indian literature, history, customs, and thought must turn to the Tibetan canon for purposes of research.

There are a large number of isolated and individual works, but most of the better known and more authoritative works are incorporated in two collections or canons called Kangyur and Tengyur.

Most of these works were translated or composed between the ninth and the fourteenth centuries A.D., the period of Tibet's greatest literary achievements. Modern literature is very scrappy and inferior, and consists chiefly of pious tracts and biographies of various important lamas.

As we passed down the village street, . . . I scarcely noticed a mandang, or prayer-wall, in the middle of the street and was about to pass to the right of it. . . . And the old man, . . . shouted out to me that the prayer-wall existed and that I was passing it on the wrong side. This startled me into my right senses, and I quickly averted to the left, passing the sacred wall in orthodox fashion.

In Tibet respect to a person or thing is shown by always keeping it on one's right-hand side. In circumambulating any religious edifice, and this is considered an act of great merit, it is proper always to pass round from left to right, "clockwise," which is also the direction in which the prayer-wheel should be turned. Any deviation from this rule is considered an act of outrageous blasphemy.

These prayer-walls are very common in Tibet. They consist of a thick stone or sun-dried brick wall, of varying length, sometimes stretching for a quarter of a mile or more. They are frequently placed in the middle of the highroad, so that travellers may acquire merit merely by passing them in the prescribed way. In some cases prayer-wheels are set in the sides, and in nearly all cases, the sides are ornamented with sacred inscriptions, or with bas-relief sculptures representing

LITERARY NOTES.

Messrs. Stanley Paul have just published two delightful books for children.

"The Little Round House" is a gay story interspersed with verses by Marion St. John Webb, one of the gifted daughters of St. John Addcock, editor of "The Bookman." Mrs. Webb is, of course, well known as the author of many books of poetry for children, in particular "The Littlest One," which enjoyed a remarkable vogue. The present volume is very prettily illustrated by "Robin."

The other book is edited by Marjory Royce, a daughter of the late Sir William Robertson Nicoll. It is called "The Normans Saturday Fairy Book" and contains a story for every Saturday morning and Saturday night in the year. The literary contributors include Marjory Royce, Barbara E. Todd, Moira Meighan and Marion St. John Webb. It has pictures by Mary Stella Edwards and G. L. Stampa.

Another book for young people published by the same house is "Lost in the Jungle" a story for girls by a favourite writer—May Wynne. It is a tale of adventure and has India for the setting.

Messrs. Stanley Paul have just issued a new, half-a-crown presentation edition of Cecil Adair's well-known "Joy of Life" novels. The six titles ready are, "Where Rainbows Rest," "The Dean's Daughter," "Under the Incense Trees," "Maid of the Moonflower," "Gabriel's Garden," and "The Sails of Life."

A charming book, and very suitable as a Christmas gift is "Love Stories of English Queens: History seen through the Glamour of Romance," by Elizabeth Villiers. The inner lives of twelve queens have been dealt with, and while many readers will be content to enjoy these stories as stories only, to others the book will make an appeal because it shows in a new light many whose names are familiar in the pages of history. The volume is plentifully illustrated.

various buddhas and bodhisattvas.

It is considered an act of great merit to erect such a prayer-wall, so that they are to be seen in the neighbourhood of nearly every village.

—WILLIAM McGOVERN, in "To Lhasa in Disguise."

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To prove that his advice is not hokum, see his latest starring picture, "Little Johnny Jones," where he combines a bundle of new tricks and a bushel of infectious laughs, proving that the George M. Cohan play is an even greater hit on the screen than it first was on the stage.

"Little Johnny Jones" is a Warner Brothers classic of the screen and will be shown at the World Theatre for 4 days commencing Wednesday next, as the feature attraction of a well-rounded bill. As Johnny Hines has been dubbed the George M. Cohan of the screen, by critics, he could not have been cast into a better rôle.

It is the story of Johnny Jones, the brave American jockey who can beat everything in sight on the race track, and who stirs a hornet of enemies as a result. He is scheduled to ride his favourite horse to victory in the English Derby, after which he hopes to win an English heiress, with whom he has fallen in love. Instead, a notorious gambler, tries all sorts of ruses to win both race and girl from him, his last resort being a loaded whip containing acid which his jockey is instructed to throw into Johnny Jones' eyes, as he forges past to the winning post. When this fails, the game is up for the plotter, and Johnny wins his bride, after clearing the suspicion thrown upon him.

For his supporting cast, Johnny Hines has the following players: Windham Standing, Margaret Seddon, Robert Prior, Molly Malone, George Webb, Mervyn LeRoy, "Fat" Carr, Pauline Francis, and Brownie, the Wonder Dog. The scenario is by Ray

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Adelaide, January 15.
In perfect weather and in the
presence of 26,000 people, includ-
ing His Excellency the Gov-
ernor-General, the third Test
Match was commenced to-day.
Australia won the toss.

AUSTRALIA.—1ST INNINGS.

Collins, b Tate 3

A. Richardson, b Kilner 69

Gregory, b Freeman 6

Taylor, l.b.w., b Tate 0

Ponsford, c Strudwick, b

Gilligan 31

V. Richardson, c Whysall, b

Kilner 4

Ryder, not out 72

Andrews, b Kilner 72

Kelleway, not out 8

Extras 10

Total (for 7 wks.) 275

Gilligan strained his thigh and
retired at the tea adjournment and
did not appear in the field again
during the day. He is probably
resting for to-morrow's play.

England made another excellent
start but luck turned at the critical
moment, allowing two players new
to this series of tests to pull the
game round, scoring 134 for the
seventh wicket. The English field-
ing was good, especially that of
Kilner. Tate was troubled with a
recurrence of the pain in his foot
and had to retire for treatment.
Richardson's valuable contribution
was compiled in 2½ hours. He
hit seven fours. The driving of
Andrews was splendid, also his
cutting and leg strokes. He batted
112 minutes and hit 9 fours.
Ryder batted stylishly for 114
minutes, hitting 4 fours.

"UNOFFICIAL" TEST.

ENGLAND'S VICTORY IN
SOUTH AFRICA.

AN EASY WIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cape Town, January 16.
In the third "unofficial" Test
match between England and
South Africa (second day's play),
England won by 10 wickets.

The England (Mr. S. T. Joel's)
XI carried their overnight score
of 164 runs for 4 wickets to 224.
To this total, Tydesley, E.
(Lancs.) contributed 50, and
Russell, A. C. (Essex) 54. A. E.
Hall took 6 wickets for 62.

Batting a second time, South
Africa were dismissed for 150
runs. R. H. Catterall scored 50;
Geary, G. (Leicestershire) took 4
wickets for 42 and Parker, C.
(Gloucestershire) 3 for 16.

Mr. Joel's team knocked off the
necessary runs—as the home
team had staved off the innings
defeat—without loss.

Scores:—

South Africa—1st Innings 113

Mr. Joel's XI—1st Innings 224

South Africa—2nd Innings 150

Mr. Joel's XI—2nd Innings
(for no wicket) 40

RECORD RUNNING.

NURMI BEATS HIS OWN

FIGURES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, January 16.
As mentioned on January 7,
Nurmi, the Finnish runner, won
the 3,000 metres race run at
Madison Square Gardens.

Three new indoor world records
are claimed for him, viz.,
1¼ miles in 7 mins. 55.3/5 secs.
1½ miles in 8 mins. 29 secs.
3,000 metres in 8 mins. 26.4/5
secs.

The best previous time for 3,000
metres was 8 mins. 27.4/5 secs.,
which was also established by
Nurmi on September 16, 1923.

[P. Nurmi, Finland, was one of
the heroes of the last Olympic
Games, at Paris, last year, winning
the 1,500 metres, the 5,000 metres,
and the 10,000 metres cross-
country.]

RACING.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DISTRIBUTION OF ENTRIES.

The following shows how the
entries for the annual meeting of
the Hongkong Jockey Club were
distributed over the first three
days:—

First Day.

Race. Distance. Entries.

Wongneichong ½ Mile 44

Stakes ½ Mile 44

Maiden Stakes 6 Furs 57

Victoria Stakes 1 Mile 28

Valley Stakes 6 Furs 55

Foochow Cup 2 Miles 25

Trial Plate 1¼ Miles 57

Garrison Cup 1 Mile 43

Chater Cup 1 Mile, 165 yds. 18

Jockey Club 1¼ Miles 53

Stakes 1¼ Miles 53

Racing Stakes 1 Mile 61

Kalgan Plate 7 Furs 33

Second Day.

Causeway Bay 1 Mile 21

Stakes 1 Mile 21

Exchange Plate 1 Mile, 165 yds. 37

H'kong Derby 1½ Miles 61

Subscription 1¼ Miles 45

Challenge Cup 1¼ Miles 45

Jockey Cup Once Round 59

Great Southern 6 Furs 48

Stakes 6 Furs 48

Lusitano Cup 1 Mile 65

Challenge Cup 1¼ Miles 22

Royal Navy Cup 1 Mile, 165 yds. 36

Blackrock Stakes 1¼ Miles 58

Gymkhana 1 Mile 33

Stakes 1 Mile 33

Peking Plate 6 Furs 54

Third Day.

Grand Stand 6 Furs 62

Hongkong 1¼ Miles 40

Stakes 1¼ Miles 40

Governor's Cup 1¼ Miles 49

Ladies' Purse Once Round 49

American Cup Once Round 65

Phaeton Stakes 1¼ Miles 48

(2 classes) 1¼ Miles 48

Rialto Stakes 1 Mile 87

Consolation 1 Mile 87

Stakes 1 Mile 87

Nil Desperandum 5 Furs 56

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GOLF.

KNOTTY PROBLEMS.

An incident in the recent
Oxford University v. Worpleston
match serves to illustrate the
colossal ignorance exhibited by
the mass of golfers on the rules
governing the game, writes
George

